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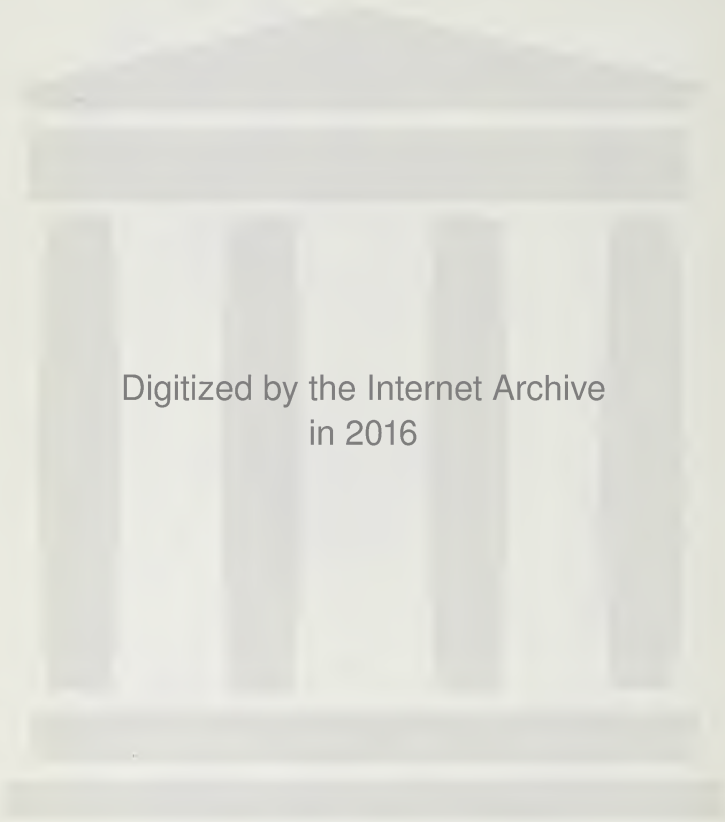
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Biography

WILLIAM A. BARRETT was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 14, 1896; was graduated from Brown Preparatory School in Philadelphia, Pa., and from St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa.; took a law course at South Jersey Law School in Camden, N.J.; engaged in the real estate business; member of the Board of Mercantile Appraisers, Philadelphia, Pa., for 4 years; served as district director of the War Bond and War Chest campaigns; member of the Democratic city committee; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth Congress (January 3, 1945–January 3, 1947); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1946 to the Eightieth Congress; elected to the Eighty-first and to the thirteen succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1949, until his death April 12, 1976, in Philadelphia, Pa.; interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, Pa.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

WILLIAM A. BARRETT

Proceedings in the House

TUESDAY, *April 13, 1976.*

The House met at 10 o'clock a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might.—Deuteronomy 6: 5.

O God, who art the source of every noble impulse and the goal of every worthy desire, we bow in Thy presence these holy days of sacred memory, praying that humbly and sincerely we may receive Thy spirit anew into our all-too-needy human hearts. Grant that in the midst of troubled times and persistent problems we may be sustained by Thy presence, supported by Thy grace, and strengthened by Thy spirit. May we learn to love as we ought to love, to forgive as we ought to forgive, and to live as we ought to live.

We mourn the passing of our beloved colleague, WILLIAM A. BARRETT. May the life and labor of this dear friend be a fitting memorial of his presence in our midst. To his family and to all of us be Thou a tower of strength in sorrow.

Bless us as we leave for our recess. May we return ready to continue our work for this country we love with all our hearts. Amen.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with shock and sorrow that I learned of the untimely death last night of WILLIAM A. BARRETT,

one of America's great citizens and a colleague of mine on the Pennsylvania delegation for 30 years.

BILL BARRETT was an outstanding Member of this body who served our national interests as a whole and at the same time looked after the needs of his own constituents with diligence and compassion.

As a senior member of the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing, and as chairman of its Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, he played a key role in the enactment of major housing measures that are now on the statute books. These include measures on housing and urban development, demonstration cities, emergency home financing, housing and community development, and last year's Emergency Housing Act.

At the same time he was conscientiously serving his constituency in Philadelphia, commuting home to spend long hours helping the people of his First District on a wide range of problems. And of course, he was active over the years as a leader in Democratic politics in Philadelphia.

BILL was first elected to Congress in November 1944, the same year I entered the House. With the exception of the succeeding 80th Congress, the voters returned him to the Congress in all elections since. Our friendship grew over the years.

As dean of the Pennsylvania delegation, I will particularly miss his help and wise counsel. I extend my deepest condolences to his family.

The Barrett family has indicated their desire that the House of Representatives would proceed today with the pressing legislative business scheduled, as Mr. BARRETT would have wished.

Therefore, I will not yield to Members for remarks at this time. But I will offer a resolution adjourning the House out of respect at the conclusion of legislative business today and I will at that time yield to Members for brief remarks.

On a later date, a special order will be scheduled to give all of his colleagues an opportunity to eulogize Mr. BARRETT's passing.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed at this time but I anticipate that I will be able to inform the House of details later in the day.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, we just briefly want to respond. Those of us who served with the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BARRETT) on the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing, know that he was a very fair and capable legislator.

The SPEAKER. As the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Morgan) has said, his announcement will be the only 1-minute speech at this time, but there will be time for 1-minute speeches from both sides of the aisle later in the day when a resolution is offered.

Later, after the House returns from the recess, perhaps there will be a special order eulogy.

Mr. EDGAR. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the death last night of my friend and fellow Member of the Pennsylvania delegation, BILL BARRETT. He had been ill for a number of weeks, but his death is no less of a shock. If I were asked to name the Congressman who worked the hardest for the people who sent him to Washington, I would have to name BILL. For years, he traveled back to his district every night after each House session, keeping his office open and meeting with constituents until the early hours of the next morning. He would then return to Washington for the House sessions and his committee meetings.

Although most well known for his heroic service to his constituents, BILL BARRETT was a leader in advancing progressive housing legislation. A real estate broker by trade, he used his expertise in this field as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee of the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing to respond to problems in a manner which was highly sensitive to the needs of all the people.

Mr. Speaker, BILL BARRETT earned the respect of his colleagues during his nearly 30 years as a Member for his exemplary sense of public service. I know that he will be missed by his family, his constituents, and his colleagues.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. Speaker, all of us are sorely grieved at the passing of our beloved colleague WILLIAM BARRETT. In his leaving this Chamber the country has lost an able legislator and

the most devoted representative of constituents I have ever met. It is well known that every night, after his work here in the House, he would fly back to his district and stay there with office hours for his constituents late into each night. Only a man of dedication and compassion could or would have done it. Almost every day of the year I had lunch with this fine gentleman and I will never forget the warmth of his smile; and his concern for his colleagues, his constituents, and his country. The statute books of our country bear eloquent witness to his great ability as a legislator, particularly in the fields of housing and banking. In the hearts of each of us, his colleagues, there will always be a warmth of affection that his life, and his memory, indelibly placed there.

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, never was there anyone more dedicated to the service he performed or the people he served, than my friend, BILL BARRETT.

BILL BARRETT served on the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing for many years and as you know, Mr. Speaker, this is one of the most powerful committees in the House of Representatives. He served as the subcommittee chairman of one of the subcommittees that considered all matters pertaining to housing and this, of course, was one of the most important programs not only for the State of Pennsylvania, but for all of our States. Each night, he returned to his home district and talked with his people and thereby had an opportunity to meet with them and help them solve their problems. His guidance and his counsel have become monuments to responsibility in public office. He was loved and respected by all the Members of the House. It has been a distinct honor and privilege for me to serve with this able Member in the Congress. He had a quick mind and was one of the hard working Members of the Congress and it is impossible to surpass in sincerity or depth of feeling some of the words that have been so well and eloquently said in this Chamber on the passing of our beloved colleague.

Mr. Speaker, the status of our Nation is built on the careers of such men. On down through the years, Members such as BILL BARRETT performed the demanding and necessary assignments which must be done every day and they have had to make hard and unpopular decisions at times. Members such as BILL BAR-

RETT have succeeded in bringing to the performance of their assignment a sense of purpose which permitted no interference by those with selfish motives. He had charm and wit and he extended a warm courtesy and consideration toward others at all times. His loss to the Nation will be felt down through the years and will be mourned by all of those who had the privilege to have worked with him in seeking to build a better country.

BILL BARRETT loved his country, his State, and the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I extend to the members of his family my deepest sympathy in their loss and bereavement.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, one of our most beloved colleagues, WILLIAM A. BARRETT, died of pneumonia at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. He will be greatly missed.

BILL BARRETT served in the House of Representatives for nearly 30 years. First elected to Pennsylvania's First District in 1944, he lost only one contest throughout his long congressional career—in the Republican landslide of 1946. Reelected to the 81st and each succeeding Congress, BILL BARRETT's continuing incumbency over the next 14 terms provides apt testimony to his exceptional skill at tending his district. Almost every night, week after week, year after year, BILL BARRETT would return home to South Philadelphia to meet with his constituents. No problem was too small, none too difficult to resolve, for this dedicated and diligent servant of the people.

Since 1965, our former colleague served as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee on the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee. Through his efforts, housing opportunities were improved for all Americans. His impact was felt on the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, and 1970, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975.

Millions of Americans seeking better housing were helped by BILL BARRETT's efforts, especially the lower and middle-income families who have most often been in the greatest need of quality housing.

Today, we pay tribute to Representative WILLIAM A. BARRETT—an effective legislator in Washington, D.C.; a dedicated Repre-

sentative of Pennsylvania's First District for almost three decades.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I note the passing of our highly popular and respected colleague, Congressman WILLIAM A. BARRETT, of Philadelphia.

BILL BARRETT was one of the most popular Members of the House. His spirit was always high, and it was always a pleasure to talk with him. He was always a gentleman.

I believe a great deal of that spirit came from his commitment to the people he represented, and the joy he took from helping them. As many of you know, BILL BARRETT returned home to Philadelphia every night Congress was in session so he could meet with his constituents. In some weeks, BILL BARRETT spoke to as many as 1,000 of his citizens during these office hours.

Personally, I will remember BILL BARRETT for two reasons besides the ones I have already noted. First, he was a practical politician, but a man who believed government should never lose sight of its goal of working to help the people.

Second, as a younger Member of the House I found BILL BARRETT always to be a tremendous help. His spirit encouraged me to learn and to continue working for the people I represent. His leadership and teaching were invaluable in learning about Congress and what a Representative can do in Washington to help the area he or she represents.

And I cannot close without commenting on his influence on the housing and community development in America through his position as chairman of the Housing and Community Development Subcommittee of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee.

In sum, Mr. Speaker, the U.S. House of Representatives will never again be quite the same without Congressman WILLIAM BARRETT, nor will it be quite as good.

Mr. HEINZ. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in mourning the death of WILLIAM BARRETT.

The city of Philadelphia, the State of Pennsylvania, and the entire Nation have lost a dedicated public servant whose presence had become so much a part of congressional life for nearly 30 years.

BILL BARRETT will be remembered for many things, but two, I believe, will stand out.

One was his leadership of the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development through one of the most turbulent and productive periods of urban development in the Nation's history.

The second was his tireless and legendary efforts to meet with and listen to the concerns of his constituents.

Philadelphia and the Nation have lost a remarkable and dedicated public servant, Congress has lost one of its most esteemed Members, and we in the Pennsylvania delegation have lost one of our most beloved colleagues.

Mr. YATRON. Mr. Speaker, the city of Philadelphia has lost her elder statesman in the passing of WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

Congressman BARRETT was particularly appreciated in a time when honesty, forthrightness, and clearheaded thinking are at such a high premium. Congressman BARRETT was respected and admired by his colleagues, because it was always BILL BARRETT who retained the uncanny ability to articulate the main point in concise and succinct terms.

The people of Philadelphia loved Representative BARRETT because he understood and related to his fellow citizens very well. He brought the Federal Government closer to the people and he helped to give Congress a positive identity.

His passing is a sorrowful event. Hopefully we will all learn from his inspiring example. The contributions of his good will and sincere dedication to the human experience will give an added meaning to our existence. His example will, perhaps, better prepare us to face the tasks which lie beyond this plane.

Congressman BARRETT's active and generous dedication to the Nation's affairs has enriched the lives of many people. His unselfish acts of kindness in Philadelphia and to America will long be remembered.

Many times his kind words and genuine friendship comforted and encouraged his constituents and colleagues. He was a good friend, and his loss is a personal one for me.

Mr. FORSYTHE. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened as were my colleagues to learn the news of the death of BILL BARRETT, a

man who was truly dedicated to the service of the people of his district, State, and of our great land.

I spent many an hour traveling on airplanes with BILL BARRETT, as he was returning to Washington from his district, and I, from mine. Always he carried with him notes from his meeting with constituents, containing their requests, information about their problems, and their need for assistance.

His dedication to service touched many, many people from all walks of life. Including, of course, the Members of this House. He will truly be missed.

One of my constituents shared his sorrow at BILL BARRETT's death with me in the form of the following telegram, which I insert at this point in the Record for the benefit of my colleagues:

Hon. EDWIN B. FORSYTHE,
Washington, D.C.:

Please accept and extend to Members of U.S. Congress our sincere sympathy and regret on this sad occasion of the death Monday, April 12, 1976, the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT, U.S. Congress, representing the First Pennsylvania District. Congressman WILLIAM BARRETT's long and distinguished service will be his monument in the hearts of his legion of his friends and neighbors.

Most sincerely,

WILLIAM J. KEYSER.

COLLINGSWOOD, N.J.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution on the death of the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1154

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of 73 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Morgan.)

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, at noon today, I had the sad responsibility to announce to the House the death of our beloved colleague, BILL BARRETT.

I take this time to inform the House that the final funeral arrangements have been completed. The funeral will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, April 14.

BILL BARRETT's remains will be at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock p.m. in Philadelphia for paying respects.

The requiem Mass will be at 3 p.m. at the same cathedral. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery at Yeadon, Pa.—a suburb of Philadelphia—immediately following the Mass.

All interested Members and the official House delegation will be prepared to leave the Capitol steps at noon tomorrow.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McFall). On behalf of the Speaker and without objection, the Chair appoints as members of the Funeral Committee the following Members on the part of the House.

Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. McFall, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dent, Mr. Nix, Mr. Moorhead of Pennsylvania, Mr. Schneebeli, Mr. McDade, Mr. Rooney, Mr. Johnson of Pennsylvania, Mr. Green, Mr. Vigorito, Mr. Biester, Mr. Eilberg, Mr. Eshleman, Mr. Gaydos, Mr. Coughlin, Mr. Yatron, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Shuster, Mr. Murtha.

Mr. Edgar, Mr. Goodling, Mr. Myers of Pennsylvania, Mr. Schulze, Mr. Price, Mr. Delaney, Mr. Zablocki, Mr. Rodino, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Reuss, Mr. Rostenkowski, Mr. St Germain, Mr. Stephens.

Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Minish, Mr. Annunzio, Mr. Hanley, Mr. J. William Stanton, Mr. Rees, Mr. Brown of Michigan, Mr. Wylie,

Mr. Roe, Mr. Rousselot, Mr. McKinney, Mr. Mitchell of Maryland, Mr. Conlan, Mrs. Boggs.

Mr. Hansen, Mr. AuCoin, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. D'Amours, Mr. Derrick, Mr. Evans of Indiana, Mrs. Fenwick, Mr. Gradison, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hannaford, Mr. Hayes of Indiana, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Hyde, Mr. Kelly, Mr. LaFalce, Mr. Neal, Mr. Patterson of California, Mrs. Spellman, Mr. Tsongas, Mr. Allen, Mr. Lundine, Mr. Fauntroy.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 1154 and under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 14, 1976, at 10 o'clock a.m.

WEDNESDAY, *April 14, 1976.*

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in expressing my sorrow at the passing of our beloved colleague, WILLIAM BARRETT.

Beyond our personal loss, and it is extensive because BILL BARRETT always took time to help with the problems of others and to extend a friendly hand to those who needed it, the Nation has lost one of the true authorities on the Nation's housing problems.

Chairman BARRETT led the way in alerting the Nation to the problems of its deteriorating housing problems in many sections of the Nation, and the statute book is filled with laws which originated by investigatory hearings of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development.

When BILL BARRETT entered the House of Representatives in 1944, the Nation was at war and all domestic needs were being shunted aside to assure ultimate victory in that great conflict. And so it fell to BILL BARRETT to help lead the Nation after the war to begin picking up the pieces at home, beginning the great chore of stimulating the country's economy and providing homes for a growing population to live in. He, and those who worked so closely with him through the decades after the end of the war, paved the way for those of us who came in the 1960's to begin a new social revolution. And for those of us then-newcomers who came seeking a better world, BILL BARRETT was a steadying hand who gently demonstrated to us the ways in which we could best move.

There is no one who served in Congress with BILL BARRETT who has not learned to appreciate his wisdom, his kindness, and his basic concerns with the people whom he served. The Congress has lost a good counsel, the Nation has lost a valuable public servant, and all of us here today have lost a good friend.

My wife and family join with me in offering our condolences to Congressman BARRETT's family. But as sad as we all feel today, we can find solace in knowing that we have known a truly good man.

Mr. GIAIMO. Mr. Speaker, I was most grieved to learn of the death of my dear friend, Congressman WILLIAM A. BARRETT of Pennsylvania.

BILL was first elected to the 79th Congress and reelected to the 81st Congress and each succeeding Congress. I am privileged that he served in this Chamber during the entire time I have been a Member of the House of Representatives. I also served on the Housing Appropriation Subcommittee during some of the time BILL served as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee.

I am proud to have worked with him. He was a fine legislator who gave himself selflessly to his constituents, his committee, the Congress, and the country. His accomplishments in private enterprise and public service deserve the praise and admiration they have received.

I want to say something else about BILL BARRETT. He was a compassionate man, gentle and kind, sensitive to the feelings of

others, a man who had a firm faith in the essential goodness of his fellow man. I feel a personal loss at his passing for I will miss him as only a friend can.

Mr. EVINS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened to learn of the recent passing of our friend and colleague, Representative WILLIAM A. BARRETT of Pennsylvania, and I wanted to take this means of paying a brief but sincere tribute to his memory and outstanding career of public service.

BILL BARRETT was able, genial, cooperative, and most effective in his special field of interest—making housing available at a reasonable cost to American families. He had specialized in real estate before his election to the 79th Congress in 1944. He was an outstanding chairman of the Housing Subcommittee of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee.

BILL BARRETT was considered one of the Nation's outstanding authorities on housing and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development of the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing was nationally recognized for its innovative legislation in the field of housing and community development.

The Congressman from Pennsylvania's First District served his district, State, and Nation faithfully and well for 30 years and millions of Americans enjoy a better quality of life today because of the great work of BILL BARRETT.

Certainly he will be missed—and I want to take this means of extending to the members of his family this expression of my deepest and most sincere sympathy in their loss and bereavement. My wife Ann joins me in these sentiments.

Mr. BROOMFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my deep regret on the passing of our colleague WILLIAM A. BARRETT. We have lost a dedicated public servant and friend.

BILL loved people. He gave unselfishly of himself to help people because he loved them. He was supremely dedicated to his constituents. He even returned to his home in his district each evening so that he could be among his constituents and hear their views on issues of the day and learn of their problems. His constituents returned BILL's affection for them by electing him to represent them in the House of Representatives in 1944 and to represent them continuously since 1948.

In addition to the confidence and trust of his constituents, BILL enjoyed the admiration and respect of his colleagues in the

House. We shall miss his wisdom, but will long remember his unselfish sharing of it with us.

I want to extend my sympathy to BILL's family, I want them to know that, as one who benefited from his kindness, thoughtfulness, and counsel, I am pleased and proud to have served with him in the House of Representatives.

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply sorrowed when I heard that WILLIAM BARRETT had passed away earlier this month. He will be missed by his family, his friends, and constituents whom he served so well in the First District of Pennsylvania, and by those of us who were honored to work with him as Members of Congress.

Few men in recent times have had as large an impact as WILLIAM BARRETT on the housing needs of the American people. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development since 1965, BILL BARRETT was a guiding force in providing decent homes for millions of our citizens. He was an important figure in developing most of the landmark housing legislation in the last 10 years.

Congressman BARRETT was largely responsible for the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970; the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975. Throughout his tenure in this body, WILLIAM BARRETT's concern for the housing needs of middle- and low-income families was reflected in the legislation he initiated. In addition, Representative BARRETT never hesitated to make his experience and good counsel available to other Members of Congress, and provided a source of valued and respected leadership to many of us.

WILLIAM BARRETT was elected to represent the First Congressional District of Pennsylvania in 1944. Reelected to the 81st Congress, BILL BARRETT went on to become a valuable public servant for his district in the city of Philadelphia. It is remarkable to remember that he went back to his district every night to attend to the needs of his constituents, while at the same time shaping legislation that would benefit families across the United States.

My wife, Lee, joins me in expressing our sincerest condolences to the members of WILLIAM BARRETT's family. He was a

good, kind, and honorable man who will be missed by all fortunate enough to have known him.

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, all of us in the House mourned the recent passing of our distinguished colleague from Pennsylvania, WILLIAM BARRETT. His death marked the end of one of the longest and most successful careers in the House of Representatives.

BILL's main forte was serving the people of the First Congressional District encompassing Philadelphia. In his almost 30 years in the House he provided his constituents with the highest level of service. Those of us who represent urban areas know of the many and varied problems of the people we serve. Those who were represented by BILL BARRETT knew with confidence that when they had a problem, he would be there to provide assistance.

In addition, WILLIAM BARRETT distinguished himself on the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing he became a champion of the rights of Americans to live in decent and affordable housing. In addition, WILLIAM BARRETT was an outstanding advocate of mass transit and helped in the passage of the legislation which allowed funds from the highway trust fund to be used for mass transit. In one of his final acts in the House, BILL lent his considerable influence on behalf of the vitally important Railroad Reorganization Act.

I enjoyed my association with WILLIAM BARRETT. I found him to be a good friend well versed in the school of politics. He was always prepared with a good story or sound advice.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Philadelphia have truly lost one of their finest public servants, and we have lost one of our most distinguished colleagues. I extend my deep condolences to the Barrett family.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, on April 12 the people of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Congress suffered a severe blow when Congressman BILL BARRETT passed away.

BILL was a powerful figure in the Philadelphia Democratic Party for over 40 years and was one of the last of the big city political leaders serving in the House of Representatives. I will never forget the day nearly 32 years ago when I first came to

Washington to represent my congressional district. BILL was in a similar position, and we were novices in the art of legislation and politics. The geographical distance between our districts, at opposite ends of Pennsylvania, was no barrier to our becoming friends. His wise counsel and always pleasant demeanor stood him in good stead among his constituents and among his many friends in this Chamber. I am proud to have been a friend of BILL BARRETT.

Mr. Speaker, BILL's nightly trips to Philadelphia to meet with his constituents made him a legend in both Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. I have always felt that public officials have a solemn responsibility to make themselves available on a regular basis to the citizenry. It is not just a useful reelection tool, but rather an essential part of the function of a Congressman. It is all too easy to become isolated in the Nation's Capitol and forget your roots. BILL BARRETT never did, and the voters in his district returned his affection by reelecting him for term after term. The job of a Congressman is extremely demanding, yet BILL so often made that extra effort.

At the time of his death, BILL was the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing and chairman of its Housing and Community Development Subcommittee. He was the principal architect of such legislation as the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, and 1970, the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970, the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973, the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970, and the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. There are few Americans indeed who have not benefited from BILL's legislative expertise, and the 95th Congress will have a yeoman's job to fill his shoes.

I know that the Members join me in extending our sincere sympathies to BILL's daughters Rose and Gertrude, his sister Nellie, and his family and friends. His memory will be an inspiration to all of us in the days and years ahead.

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute to an outstanding chairman of the House of Representatives and to a close, personal friend.

To those of us who served with Chairman BILL BARRETT, he was a great man among us.

He was the last of the big city political leaders in the House having served as Representative from the First District of Pennsylvania for nearly 30 years.

He was the longest chairman of the important Housing Subcommittee and served in that capacity for 11 years.

BILL BARRETT probably had more physical stamina than any other Member in the House as he went home to his district every single night, 6 days a week to "hear confessions" from his beloved constituents. He would listen to their problems, their complaints, their troubles until 1 or 1:30 in the morning, catch a few hours of sleep, and rise again at 5:30 in the morning to catch the 7 a.m. flight to Washington. If the House adjourned early in the afternoon, he would go home to several speaking engagements or receptions, followed by any wakes or "viewings", as he preferred to call them, and then receive confessions.

BILL BARRETT was one of the most loyal Democrats I have ever known. Gaining political office from the rough and tumble streets of Philadelphia's ward and precinct politics, BILL BARRETT was possessed of an innate, political shrewdness unsurpassed by any of his colleagues in the House. That is one of the reasons why he made such a great chairman of the Housing Subcommittee.

BILL BARRETT understood the art of compromise, he was considerate of all opposing points of view and worked tirelessly to negotiate a reasonable legislative compromise of which all the members of his subcommittee could be proud.

Members on both sides of the aisle loved working under the direction of BILL BARRETT as their chairman. He viewed himself as the coach of a football team who would give assistance and direction but recognized that he had a number of stars on the team, and was always willing to let them run with the ball whenever the opportunity presented itself to utilize their talents.

I would be remiss if I did not point out that BILL BARRETT was the chief architect and chief sponsor of all the major housing legislation in the past decade, which include the three great hallmarks of the Johnson administration—the Housing Act of 1965, Model Cities Act of 1966, and the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and some of the more recent achievements including the Housing Act of 1970 and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975.

I will never forget, as long as I live, the support and under-

standing that BILL BARRETT gave me over my Kendall Square renewal problem, which for so long seemed to defy both legislative or executive resolution. It was through the assistance of BILL BARRETT that we passed legislation dealing with this problem, and I know today, that if BILL BARRETT had not been floor managing that bill it never would have seen the light of day.

I know that my colleagues are as deeply saddened as I am at the loss of such an outstanding legislator, a great human being and a distinguished American. My wife, Millie joins me in extending sincere condolences to BILL BARRETT's family.

Mr. MCFALL. Mr. Speaker, all of us have lost a great friend in the death of our colleague, BILL BARRETT. The people of his district in Philadelphia have lost a champion. Congress and the Nation have lost a skilled and courageous leader.

BILL BARRETT was the complete Congressman. As the senior Democrat in point of service and the ranking Democrat on the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing, he was the principal architect of some of the most important national legislation of our time. But despite his heavy legislative responsibilities he always had time for his constituents and their problems: The elderly couple whose social security check failed to arrive, the tenant faced with eviction, the small businessman applying for a Government loan.

These and many more came to see BILL BARRETT in his Philadelphia district office to which he commuted nightly after a full day in the House. Holding office hours often until well past midnight. BILL BARRETT had time for them all. No problem was too small for his personal attention. And his help enriched the lives of thousands of constituents.

In this era of instant and depersonalized mass communication, BILL BARRETT refused to give up direct personal contact with the people he served. His goal in public service was uncomplicated: To help people. And he achieved that goal both through his leadership on major legislation and his personal approach to constituents, helping them on what he called "everything that affects the human person."

BILL was first elected to the House in 1944 and had served continuously since 1949. He approached his responsibilities as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community

Development with rare dedication and left an indelible mark on the Nation's housing laws. Mr. BARRETT played the leading role in developing such landmark legislation as the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970, the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974—legislation designed to meet this Nation's goal of a decent home in a decent neighborhood for every American.

BILL was a master of the legislative detail of housing law. But he was much more than a narrow housing specialist. He concerned himself with the whole range of House legislation and was principal architect also of the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1970, the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970, and the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

Because of BILL BARRETT's service, the lives of millions of Americans are better and their futures brighter. He will be profoundly missed.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania not only yielding but also taking this time to pay tribute to BILL BARRETT.

As an individual in this House I had the opportunity to serve with BILL BARRETT on the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee. It has already been stated, but I would like to reemphasize it as a member of the opposite party from which BILL BARRETT came, he was eminently fair in the way he conducted the committee meetings. He bent over backwards all the time to make sure that all people had a chance to testify and that all members of the committee, regardless of which side of the aisle they came from, had a chance to question witnesses. It is difficult to find anyone in this House who presided with a greater sense of fairness over the meetings than did BILL BARRETT.

I too was very much impressed, as I think all Members were, with BILL BARRETT's outstanding and total dedication to serving his district at home, so much so that he would take the time each night to go home and be with his constituents, any who came to his door, and of course he was that way here in the Capitol. So many times he would bring people from his district to the

committee meetings and make sure that they understood the proceedings. It would be extremely difficult to find anyone who gave such total and complete dedication to things in this House that BILL BARRETT gave.

Those of us who disagreed with him on some philosophic issues found it easy to serve with BILL BARRETT because he was so decent and so totally fair in the way that he dealt with all of us.

I am very grateful to the gentleman from Pennsylvania for taking this time so that we can all express our appreciation for BILL's very complete and total service.

Mr. REUSS. Mr. Speaker, BILL BARRETT is sorely missed at the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing. His death April 12 in Philadelphia followed by just 1 month the death of his long-time friend and our colleague on the committee, Wright Patman of Texas. In a brief period of time, we have lost two great friends of the "little man." BILL BARRETT and Wright Patman stood together time after time on the side of the citizens who did not have big lobbies working in their interest.

Moreover, BILL BARRETT was never too busy to give time to the individual problems of his constituents. They knew his door was always open, and he would listen to their problems and help them if he could.

Congressman BARRETT was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1944 and served continuously since 1949. He was on the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee since 1950, longer than any other member now on the committee.

He had been chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development since 1965, reflecting his abiding interest in housing the Nation's low- and moderate-income families and revitalizing our great cities.

In the pursuit of these goals, Congressman BARRETT was the principal architect of a succession of major housing and urban development legislation including:

The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965;

The Demonstration Cities Act of 1966;

The Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970;

The Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970;

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

The Emergency Housing Act of 1975;

And, the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964, and 1970.

These accomplishments, among others, will stand as a permanent memorial to Mr. BARRETT's dedicated service to both the people of Philadelphia and of the Nation.

On a more personal level, BILL BARRETT's warm and generous spirit, and his great good humor, will be missed by all of us who have come to appreciate his loyalty and friendship.

My wife Margaret joins in expressing our deepest sympathies to BILL BARRETT's wonderful family.

Mr. SCHULZE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman and commend the gentleman for taking this special order so we have an opportunity to commemorate the passing of our friend and comrade, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. BARRETT. I join our friends on both sides of the aisle in expressing a sense of loss and feeling of void at the sudden passing of BILL BARRETT.

Mr. Speaker, I was born in the city of Philadelphia and have lived in the Philadelphia area all of my life. I had long heard about BILL BARRETT and his concern for people, but it was not until I was serving as Register of Wills of Chester County, Pa., that I personally talked with him.

One instance at that time stands out in my memory. BILL called me one day and explained that he had been contacted by an elderly couple with grown children. The couple had never married and they now wanted to do so—but quietly. I was able to arrange it, and I will always remember the man who was thoughtful enough for those involved to make the request.

As a matter of fact, BILL BARRETT's personal attention to his constituents' problems was legendary and probably unequalled by any other Member of Congress. It was reported that he spent every evening in his district helping people. I know he was there, because on the many occasions I had to return to my district on the evening shuttle, I invariably sat with BILL BARRETT. It was during these trips that I learned of his great sense of humor and how he enjoyed a good story.

I can also attest to his concern for his fellow Congressmen. As a freshman Member, I benefited from his advice and counsel which he never hesitated to give even though we were not

members of the same party. I served with him on the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee and on many occasions he was most helpful to me in explaining the background and intricacies of legislation before the committee.

BILL was next in line to the dean of the Pennsylvania delegation and all of us in the delegation will miss him and his expertise. In the absence of the dean, BILL whould chair the delegation meetings, and he was always effusive and flattering in his introductions of Members.

It was at the delegation luncheon meetings that I learned how much he was revered by the Capitol staff. The waiters and waitresses knew that he had a liking for ice cream and no matter what was being served for dessert, BILL BARRETT got his ice cream without having to ask for it. The staff would make a special trip to the kitchen to make sure that special Congressman had his special dessert.

That special Congressman has left a special mark on me, and I deeply mourn his passing as I am sure all of my colleagues in the Congress do.

Mr. GAYDOS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the dean of the Pennsylvania delegation for yielding to me. I think I speak not only on behalf of the dean, but all the Members of our delegation in saying we made a special effort to speak as one in the Pennsylvania delegation and BILL BARRETT was one of the leaders.

It is with a deep sense of loss that I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT, Congressman from the First District of Pennsylvania.

In the space of 5 weeks, we have witnessed the deaths of two of our most esteemed colleagues, the Honorable Wright Patman and the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT. Both of these venerable legislators steadfastly devoted their efforts to improving the lot of the common man.

This was only proper for a person such as BILL BARRETT, who came from humble beginnings. When he was only 2 years old, his father died, leaving to his mother the heavy burden of raising a family. BILL BARRETT had to leave school at an early age to help support his family. He became an apprentice welder and was proud to claim he held a union card in the Boilermakers' Union ever since.

BILL BARRETT, whose term in this House spanned the period from 1945 to 1976 was in every sense a true representative of the people who regularly voted to return him to Congress.

He served on the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing since 1950 and was chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development since 1965. He was the principal architect of much significant legislation including the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970, the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970.

It has been said that:

> People who want to understand democracy should spend less time in the Library with Aristotle and more time on the buses and in the subway.

BILL BARRETT most eminently typified this in his close attachment to the people of his district. He knew and lived with their problems and dedicated his legislative career to improving the quality of life for the residents of the cities.

His death brings to a close his efforts to better the life of the city dweller. But he leaves a legacy of accomplishments that is living testimony of his dedicated legislative career.

I mourn the loss of a close personal friend, all of us mourn the loss of a distinguished colleague, the residents of the First Congressional District of Pennsylvania mourn the loss of their great and devoted representative.

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, as a colleague, as a Pennsylvanian, and most of all as a good friend, I, too, mourn the passing of our beloved fellow Member of the House, the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

When Congressman BILL BARRETT departed this Earth last month, a bit of the spirit and legend of this House of Representatives departed also. For, above all, BILL BARRETT was a true son of this House, and one of the greatest men to serve in it in the history of this Nation.

BILL BARRETT was one of my oldest and closest friends. For, along with the distinguished dean of the Pennsylvania delegation, Congressman Tom Morgan, we were all sworn into the House for the first time in January 1945. It was a long and close relationship between BILL BARRETT and myself. We worked together, we planned together, and we helped each other in

problems affecting our own congressional districts. He was a particular source of assistance in the past several years, when as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing he pushed away every possible block in the path of resistance to the programs for disaster legislation and relief measures which were so badly needed in my district, following the tragic Hurricane Agnes floods in 1972. It was to BILL BARRETT that I turned when I needed help, and my people needed help, and it was from BILL BARRETT there came forth a spirit of compassion and understanding. We needed help in northeastern Pennsylvania in 1972 and, if the historic Agnes Recovery Act of that year will fall into the pages of history as the most monumental measure of relief legislation which the American Government has provided, then the name of BILL BARRETT should fall with it as the innovator and mover who heard the call of distress, and answered the call of those in need.

Throughout the tributes and obituaries which followed his passing, one phrase repeated itself and one notion was unmistakably conveyed to the minds of those who knew him. That notion was that he was a Congressman of unyielding service to the people of Philadelphia to whom he dedicated his life. BILL BARRETT for many years took the train back to Philadelphia each and every night that there was a session of this House, and he returned every morning if necessary so that he could remain constantly available to the constituents who considered him a prophet, a servant, a friend, and their friend in Washington. In later years, he flew home each evening to the city of brotherly love, holding office hours throughout his district, often meeting with 50 or 100 persons each night. BILL BARRETT was a source of pride and inspiration to me. I learned from him, as I worked with him. We worked with each other. We were friends.

It would be impossible to find a more dedicated and conscientious Member than BILL BARRETT. He met with his constituents to hear their problems and took immediate action to help them whenever possible. His days were long and arduous because of his deep dedication to his constituency.

We know that many of our fellow citizens really believe that being a Member of Congress is a "piece of cake," it is a soft, easy job. Well, BILL BARRETT, among many, belies that impression. No man ever worked harder for the betterment of his constituents than did BILL BARRETT.

Mr. Speaker, a certain kind of friendship is bound to develop among Members from the same State delegation. There is a mutuality of interests because of geography and in some cases, philosophy. Therefore, I knew him well for over 30 years.

BILL BARRETT had long been a powerful figure in the Democratic Party of his native Philadelphia. He served since 1965 as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee which, as we know, has primary jurisdiction over Federal housing and community development programs.

As chairman, BILL BARRETT was credited with an important role in drafting much of the major legislation of the past decade, including the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, and 1970, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975.

I say again, 4 years ago when Tropical Storm Agnes devastated my congressional district, I had occasion to call upon him in his capacity as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee. He was of great help to us in our endeavor to draft legislation and hold hearings on the vitally important issue of insurance for flood victims. And, as many will recall, it was a terrible situation, not only in Pennsylvania but in some seven other States along the eastern seaboard. During that difficult period, BILL BARRETT extended to us his fullest cooperation and we shall always remember him for his kindness and understanding.

It has been said that BILL BARRETT put in two full days of work every day—first here in Washington and then in Philadelphia. Despite this incredible schedule he brought to his assignment as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee a quiet, attentive, genial, unhurried, and friendly attitude which won the cooperation of the Members and also of the groups with which he discussed housing policies and programs. It is a formula for getting things accomplished, and in his case it worked remarkably well. His innate courtesy and friendliness were matched by his compassion for those who needed the help of the housing legislation that was enacted in order to achieve the national goal of a decent home in a suitable environment.

BILL BARRETT was a deeply dedicated, indefatigable hard worker who demonstrated unbelievable patience in conducting hours and days and weeks of hearings into all aspects of housing

legislation. He was always willing to give of his own time to listen to the ideas and suggestions and criticisms of public officials, builders, lenders, suppliers, and experts in all fields related to housing, just as he patiently and endlessly listened to vast numbers of people in his own congressional district.

BILL BARRETT was the champion of the millions of Americans who lived in substandard housing. He labored long and hard to correct this inequity both in committee and on the floor of the House. He understood clearly that poor housing was much like a cancer, the crime it encouraged, the disease it bred, the problems it caused, all infecting the other areas of a community. Better housing, he knew, was a goal which the Nation must strive for. One of his principal goals was always to protect working people and to support labor legislation. He was an advocate for supplementary incomes for the underpaid and better working conditions and pay for Federal employees.

He was especially active in the continuing fight to protect Federal employees from having their installations moved out from under them.

In the aura of Sam Rayburn, and John McCormack, and Hale Boggs, and the other great men who have been leaders in this House during my career, we now find the mantle of greatness void of another leader who wore it so well. I shall miss BILL BARRETT and indeed all of us who knew him shall relish the memory of his presence in this House. He was a dear friend and as I can only say at this time, allow me to repeat the words of William Shakespeare, for his wish expresses best my feeling at this time. "Good night sweet prince, and may flights of angels beckon thee to thy rest."

Catherine joins me in these sentiments and sympathy to BILL's family.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, the Members of the House of Representatives lost one of our senior Members in the passing of BILL BARRETT, who represented the First District of Pennsylvania for 29 years.

He was a diligent worker on the legislative front in the House, and for his constituents in his beloved city of Philadelphia. He emptomized the spirit of the City of Brotherly Love and worked hard for the causes he believed in. His work as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development

served to help our Nation in its efforts to solve our many housing problems.

He had the ability to achieve bipartisan cooperation on legislative matters. He commuted almost daily to Philadelphia to better serve the people of the first district.

BILL BARRETT was a public servant in the highest sense of the word. He was an asset to this Congress and an ever-willing provider of assistance and service to the people of Philadelphia. I join my colleagues in our great sense of loss, and in paying tribute to his long career of service to the Nation and his district.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to bid farewell to our friend, WILLIAM A. BARRETT of Pennsylvania.

I feel privileged to have served with WILLIAM BARRETT for over 14 years in the Congress. As a Member of the Pennsylvania delegation, I know BILL BARRETT was a fine legislator and worthy representative of his fellow Philadelphians, the people of the First Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

His 30-year career in Congress produced major housing legislation which has now become a permanent part of our housing industry. I believe BILL BARRETT's finest legislative achievements came during the 11 years he served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development. Among the significant pieces of legislation which molded our national policy toward housing are the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, and 1970, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975. BILL BARRETT was instrumental in the development and enactment of all of these.

This country has lost a major figure in Congress who had a keen awareness of the importance of housing among national priorities and an instinctive feeling about the problems involved in keeping this the best housed nation in the world.

Mrs. Rooney joins me in extending our deep sympathy to the Barrett family.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to the dean of the Pennsylvania delegation, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Morgan), for providing this opportunity for BILL BARRETT's many friends in the House to express in this manner our deep

affection for one of the hardest working, most conscientious and most kind-hearted colleagues any of us has known.

We all knew him, of course, as "BILL" and so did all of his constituents, and, for that matter, everyone in Philadelphia. His constituents may or may not have been fully aware of his impact and influence over the years on national legislation—particularly on housing legislation—but they certainly knew that in their Congressman they had a Representative who was not only able, but more than willing, to accomplish almost anything reasonable they ever asked him to do in their behalf.

As all of the obituarty articles pointed out after his death, and as newspaper feature articles had cited time after time during his career, he was an "old fashioned" constituent-oriented politician who seemingly spent practically all of his time finding jobs or otherwise getting help for individual constituents with problems not only in Washington but also at the State level or in City Hall. But that was a misleading impression. He did indeed spend prodigious amounts of time and energy on district and constituent problems, but not at the expense of his legislative duties as a Congressman,

He put in a "full day" in Philadelphia every night on constituent problems; but first he put in literally a full day here in Washington, in committee and on the House floor and in conference committees. As long as I knew him, he did 2 days' work every day. Only a constitution and will of iron could have enabled him to carry out such a rugged schedule for so many years.

We all work hard in this job and most of us work extremely hard. But BILL BARRETT was still going strong in his office in Philadelphia every night long after most of us were exhausted. Obviously, he thrived on it.

I sat next to BILL BARRETT in the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing for many years, and I also sat next to him as the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Housing, which he chaired since 1965. In several Congresses, we sat next to each other also on the Subcommittee on Small Business. And he served for a number of years on my Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs. For many years, when Democratic conferees from the Banking Committee were selected by seniority on the full committee rather than, as now, from among members of the subcommittee having jurisdiction, he and I sat

together on every House-Senate conference committee involving legislation from the Banking Committee. These constant associations during hearings and markup sessions, and the long hours we spent together on legislation on the House floor and in conference, provided me with a wonderful opportunity to know not only BILL BARRETT the public official but also BILL BARRETT the human being.

Many a time I teased him about his "political" outlook on legislation. He seemed to sense instinctively what was and what was not "good politics." But when I teased him about this, his answer was that if a proposition was not "good politics" then it was not good for the people. And his votes were always cast in behalf of what he truly regarded as the public interest. Almost always I agreed with him. When we disagreed, which was not often, it was over details, not over objectives.

His influence on housing legislation, and on the opportunities for low and moderate income families to obtain decent housing, was profound. As chairman of the subcommittee for 11 years, he made every possible effort to reach an informed consensus and was willing to take as much time as necessary to try to bring the whole subcommittee to a harmonious meeting of the minds.

But when that was not possible—when there were basic differences of opinion which could not be resolved except by majority vote—he always remained a thoroughly gracious gentleman who never raised his voice or said an unkind word to, or about those who opposed him. He bore no grudges. When arguments became intense, he usually eased the tension with a quip, perhaps a compliment, and always a wide smile which no one could resist responding to.

Whenever there was a Banking Committee markup session, whether scheduled for 10 a.m., or 9:30, or even 9, BILL BARRETT, who had gotten up that morning in Philadelphia at 5 a.m. after going to bed only a few hours earlier following his nighttime meetings with constituents in his office, would usually be the first person in the committee room.

The three of us with the most seniority on the committee, the late Wright Patman, BILL BARRETT, and I, usually joined quickly by Henry Reuss, had many interesting conversations during those intervals of waiting for a quorum to appear. The four of us constituted the Democratic conferees on numerous major bills up to 1973, and the unity we presented on issues ranging from

the Bank Holding Company Act to consumer credit legislation resulted in some historic victories for strong and effective legislation.

These are some of the many things I will remember BILL BARRETT for. I am particularly grateful to him for having cosponsored the bill I first introduced in 1969, and which is now incorporated as section 22 of H.R. 12945, the Housing Authorization Act of 1976 now pending before the House. This section establishes the Home Owners Mortgage Loan Corporation to make direct Federal loans of up to $30,000 to credit-worthy, average-income families at an interest rate of 6½ percent or less when mortgage funds are not available to such families from private lenders at reasonable rates of interest. Enactment of the Sullivan-Barrett direct housing loan proposal, as section 22 of H.R. 12945, would add further luster to BILL BARRETT's great record on housing legislation.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise saddened by my colleague's passing but still warmed by the memory of his friendship.

My comments today are personal and as such may mean more to me than to others.

I knew this man from the time I was 6 years old. I was on this floor and with my father the day they were sworn in together in June of 1945.

For the last 12 years I worked with him here and at home in Pennsylvania.

Every major political figure in Philadelphia during all those years leaned on BILL BARRETT for support.

Literally thousands of citizens, less known, passed through his offices each year seeking help from the man they knew cared around the clock.

He had a heart as big as South Philadelphia.

BILL BARRETT understood profoundly that our system works best when we care for one another.

On my own behalf and on behalf of my mother and family I extend our sincerest sympathy to his children and family and friends.

Mr. NIX. Mr. Speaker, mere words cannot express the sorrow I feel at the loss of my colleague and friend, BILL BARRETT, or the great admiration and respect I held for him.

BILL BARRETT was, of course, a personal friend and close

colleague of mine for many years. We represented adjoining districts in the city of Philadelphia and worked closely together on many, many projects for the benefit of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania.

BILL BARRETT and I spent, I suppose, thousands of hours together in meetings and conversations of all sorts. In such a close partnership one can really watch and judge a man's character and ability. And I believe that I can truthfully say that I have never known a man of finer character or greater ability than BILL BARRETT.

I sometimes wonder, Mr. Speaker, whether historians of a future age will give proper attention to the great contributions of a man like BILL. For he was a man who never sought publicity and never tried to impress his constituents or this House with fiery oratory or dramatic posturing. Indeed, I do not believe BILL ever gave a thought to his place in history. His satisfaction came from a lifetime of dedicated service to people who needed him.

BILL BARRETT's extraordinary service to his constituents is well-known, but it bears repeating. Nearly every night, year after year, after the House adjourned for the day, BILL would fly back to Philadelphia to meet with his constituents. Every constituent in his district knew that BILL BARRETT was always available to help him. Whether they were rich or poor, black or white, whether their problems were large or small, BILL BARRETT's constituents could count on his help when they needed it.

Along with the great amount of time and energy that BILL devoted to serving his constituents, he was a conscientious and loyal Member of this House. His period of greatest legislative achievement came when he assumed the Chair of the Housing Subcommittee in the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing in 1965.

The legislation for which BILL BARRETT was responsible during his years as chairman of that subcommittee would form a proud legacy for any 10 Members of Congress: the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970; the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; the Emergency Housing Act of 1975; the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970; the

Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970; and the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

Those of us who have watched BILL BARRETT's legislative leadership in working to solve the great problems of housing and urban development know that he never sought the limelight or called attention to his own great contributions. Instead he worked tirelessly to develop considered, workmanlike, practical legislation that would meet the needs of the people.

BILL BARRETT brought more to this House than great ability and dedicated service. His personal warmth and wit, his tireless good humor, his inexhaustible energy, his complete lack of self-conceit and pretension—these qualities won for BILL the affection and respect of all his colleagues, regardless of party.

It is difficult, Mr. Speaker, to sum up in these brief remarks the character and achievements of a man as fortunate in both categories as BILL BARRETT. Perhaps much of his character can be described by the use of the Latin word "gravitas," which the ancient romans used to describe a man of substance, integrity, and steadiness. BILL BARRETT was such a man. He was a man whose beliefs and views were formed by years of experience and by deep family, community, and religious ties, not by the passing passions of the moment. He was a man who valued self respect above self-glorification. He preferred a life of solid achievement to that of public fame and notoriety which pass so quickly.

BILL BARRETT was a pillar of this House and a great credit to the Congress and to the Nation. His death was an enormous loss to the city of Philadelphia, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to all of us who knew him. My sense of personal loss is tempered only by the satisfaction I derive from knowing and working closely with BILL BARRETT for many years and for the privilege of claiming him as a friend.

Mrs. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, the death of WILLIAM A. BARRETT takes from this Chamber, from this Nation, and from this colleague, a dear and beloved friend.

Congressman BILL BARRETT spent the last 30 years in a very special kind of service to his fellow man. Every evening, for those 30 years, BILL BARRETT would leave the social and political whirl of Washington and travel home to Philadelphia, there to listen through the night to the complaints and compliments, the

troubles and triumphs, of the some 500,000 constituents who were his family.

Yet, such tireless service to his district even at what was for him the young age of 79, was not enough for BILL BARRETT respected chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development. The National Housing Act, the Housing and Community Development Act, the Emergency Housing Assistance Act, all of the great housing programs of the last decade—these are among his legislative legacy, and the warm, secure homes of millions of Americans are among his tributes.

I had a special closeness to WILLIAM BARRETT. He had served alongside my late husband Hale for many years and his death now brings their terms of service to this House to almost equal length. Often he would refer with unabashed admiration to the political astuteness that was attributed to Hale, seemingly in regret for what he thought were his own shortcomings as a legislative wizard. Well, if BILL BARRETT could not move mountains, he did establish an unequaled level of cooperation between friend and foe that could. He dedicated his time and effort to making people the hallmark of progress, and never once did he seek to bask in the light of such accomplishment.

When I joined the subcommittee only 1 year ago, I found chairman BARRETT's heart and mind open to all the freshmen Congressmen, never rebuffing but always counseling. His patience became the driving force of others. Whenever a colleague yielded to the "gentleman from Pennsylvania" he meant it.

A gentle man, a genuinely warm human being, an unswerving public servant. In a year when we here pay homage to the origins of this great House, BILL BARRETT stands as himself a mirror of those earlier visions. He will be missed, fondly and reverently.

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I know that the membership of the House, each and every one of us, felt a very severe loss at the passing of our colleague BILL BARRETT. My friendship and association with BILL goes back through two generations. We were both much younger men when we started our services for the people of our respective districts and the Nation as members of legislative bodies.

I doubt if the history of our country can show a greater

demonstration of faithful services on a daily basis to the people of his district and the Nation than our colleague BILL BARRETT gave to his constituency. He was not only a good public servant, a good father and grandfather; he was a man who respected authority and wielded authority with a gentle though firm hand, and was always fair. He was a politician who died a statesman. He was honest and astute in a generation when both of these political virtues are being questioned and criticized.

Many a night throughout the years on my visits to Philadelphia, I would sit with BILL as he met with his people and listened to their problems, large and small, frivolous and serious. No demand was too great and no request was too small. In passing through the Congress of the United States, he added a strength to its duties and deliberations.

BILL BARRETT was a friend of mine and I will miss him greatly. BILL BARRETT was a friend of thousands in his district with whom he met daily in his legendary nightly trips home. BILL BARRETT was a friend of millions who never met him but who benefited from his work as the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing.

As the chairman of the Housing Subcommittee, BILL BARRETT did more than any other Member in recent history to bring decent housing to this Nation's poor, elderly, and working people. Under his legislative leadership and skill, we in the Congress enacted the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970; the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; the Emergency Housing Act of 1975; the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970; the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970; and the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

This record of service to the people has carved out for BILL BARRETT a permanent place in the annals of the House of Representatives. BILL BARRETT's work serves as a living monument to the man who was my friend and colleague; to the man who was a friend to his constituents; to the man who was a friend to the American people.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing sorrow at the passing of our good friend and beloved former colleague, WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

Representative BARRETT came to Congress in 1945 and had served continuously in the House since 1949. He was a dedicated public servant who ably represented the First Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the Congress. It was my privilege to know him, to work with him, and to share a warm friendship with him. We shall miss him in the Congress for he was a gifted legislator and an outstanding authority on the housing problems of our country. His experience and his great contributions in the field of housing have benefited the Nation and added to the expertise of Congress on this important subject.

BILL BARRETT has been termed one of the last of the old-time big-city political leaders to serve in Congress. Whether or not this is true, he was an effective and appreciated Member of Congress who enjoyed the esteem and regard of his colleagues in Washington as well as that of his constituents in Pennsylvania. His interest in serving his constituents was unsurpassed. Few people have worked harder for the people they represent. It was his practice, after the House adjourned, to return to Philadelphia to hold office hours long into the night for constituents who came to him with the wide range of concerns, including domestic and welfare problems, mortgage foreclosures and evictions—concerns which are familiar to all of us. I am told that in some weeks he saw as many as 1,000 persons. He was dearly loved and highly respected by those whom he served and they did not hesitate to call upon him to seek his wise counsel which he gave so generously.

At the time of his death, he was the ranking member of the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing, having served on the committee since 1950. He had been chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development since 1965. In his capacity as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee, BILL BARRETT was credited with an important role in drafting much of the major housing legislation of the past decade, including the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970; the Emergency Housing Act of 1975; the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970; the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970; and the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

Prior to his election to Congress, Mr. BARRETT was a real estate broker in Philadelphia. He was a powerful figure in the Philadelphia Democratic Party for over 40 years. His staunch leadership helped to strengthen the Democratic Party and he was held in high esteem by all those who knew him, regardless of party affiliation.

As we pause to honor the memory of BILL BARRETT today, I want to extend deepest sympathy to his family and, along with many others, assure them he will long remain in our thoughts and prayers. He was a loyal and great American.

Mr. COTTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in mourning the death of WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

Mr. BARRETT's accomplishments during his 30 years as a Congressman are well known. Certainly, his efforts as chairman of the Housing and Community Development Subcommittee will be singled out for praise. He was the guiding force behind much of the landmark housing legislation of the sixties and seventies, including the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and last year's Emergency Housing Act.

BILL's devotion to the people of Philadelphia will be long remembered. He returned to his home district at the close of House business every day and held office hours long into the night to listen to the problems and complaints of his constituents.

It was my privilege to serve on the Banking Committee with Mr. BARRETT. He was a true gentleman, as well as a responsible legislator.

To his family and friends, I offer my sincerest condolences.

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, BILL BARRETT came from a completely different section and background from my own. We did not always agree on solutions, but I cannot recall any time when we disagreed on objectives. BILL wanted to serve his people and his Nation and he did so in a commendable manner. He was a gentleman in every way. His office was in the same building as mine and we ofttimes went to or from the floor together. I admired and respected BILL BARRETT. I miss his cheery greetings and his thoughtful observations on pending legislation. He helped make our House a better organization.

BILL BARRETT loved his home, his city, and his family. Prob-

ably more than any Member of Congress he made an overwhelming effort to retain his local and his home ties. His constituents and his family will, of course, miss him. I want to join in extending to them both sympathy and good wishes.

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Mr. Speaker, the loss of BILL BARRETT is a deep personal loss for me. During the 11½ years that I have been a Member of this body, I came to know BILL as a forthright, honest, and fair man who possessed great integrity and great love for the people of America.

I can vividly recall the first day I was assigned as a freshman to the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee and how BILL BARRETT went out of his way to make suggestions and to assist me with many of the problems in housing and transportation that confronted my own city of Chicago.

Our mayor, Mayor Daley, appeared before his subcommittee on numerous occasions, and BILL would always reserve the right for me to introduce the mayor of Chicago to the full committee whenever the mayor was testifying on housing or transportation legislation.

BILL BARRETT served in the Congress for more than three decades and as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee for almost 12 years. During his tenure, our committee and the Congress passed the most far-reaching housing bills in the history of our country. He was the chief sponsor of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975; as well as the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970; the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970; and the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development was created in 1965 and the chief architect of that landmark legislation was BILL BARRETT. Today the Department of Housing and Urban Development is one of the largest departments in our Government, and BILL helped to create a new Cabinet position—the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

BILL BARRETT's contributions to the people of America are legendary. I know many of the Members have spoken with

admiration of the affection that BILL had for his constituents, about his flying to Philadelphia every night where he would go from the airport directly to his office to listen to his people and to serve their needs and wants, and about his returning very early the next morning to come back to Washington. He did this every day for almost 30 years.

I have been involved in political service for some 35 years, but I have never met a man more totally dedicated and devoted to the public interest than BILL BARRETT. His loss is a loss to our country, to the city of Philadelphia, and to his constituents whom he loved so dearly and served so well. He was one of the most respected men in this body—the greatest deliberative body in the world—the Congress of the United States.

Mrs. Annunzio joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to his two daughters, Mrs. Michael Kane of Philadelphia and Mrs. James Freeman of Washington, a son, John, and a sister, Mrs. Michael Coyle of Philadelphia. BILL BARRETT will be sorely missed by all of us in the Congress, but especially by his constituents, for whom he had such great affection and whom he served with unequaled dedication.

Mr. LONG of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, Congressman WILLIAM A. BARRETT, who served in this body for nearly 30 years, truly understood that the House is the people's body.

His deep concern for the individual welfare of his constituents, reflected in his nightly trips back to Philadelphia regardless of how late the House had been meeting that day, exemplifies the esteem in which he held those he served. His respect for and understanding of the needs of working Americans and those disadvantaged by fate were reflected in his efforts to insure that good quality housing was affordable to all and that America's cities and towns revitalize themselves as a key part of our heritage and culture.

Congressman BARRETT's work will live on after him—not only in the memories of the many people whom he personally helped by his efforts to resolve their problems, but in the changing faces of our Nation's cities and towns, whose progress in revamping themselves is due in large part to the many Federal housing and community assistance programs of which Mr. BARRETT was architect.

Mrs. Long and I offer our condolences not only to the people

of the First District of Pennsylvania, but to Mr. BARRETT's son, daughters, and sister on the loss of their father and brother.

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Speaker, with a deep sense of respect I would like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to Congressman WILLIAM A. BARRETT who so recently passed away.

It has been a privilege to serve in the Congress with men of the caliber of BILL BARRETT. He was well known for his conscientious service to his constituents, setting a high standard for others to follow. In addition, he shared in the work and leadership of the House as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, and was a credit to himself, his family, and the people whom he was privileged to represent.

This friendly, personable man who was a favorite among those of all ranks who knew him and worked with him at the Capitol will be sorely missed.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Mr. Speaker, for many years a pleasant and congenial Member of Congress could always be found during House sessions, by looking at one of the end-of-the-row seats in the back row in the southeast corner of the Chamber. He joined many other Pennsylvania Democrats in choosing this spot for their usual gathering place. We always knew where to find BILL BARRETT's smiling face.

My colleagues and I, from both sides of the aisle, certainly will miss seeing and visiting with BILL BARRETT. His warm personality and his many achievements leave a marked impression.

All Members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation know of BILL BARRETT's advocacy of, and support for, our Pennsylvania steering committee, which has become an example of bipartisan cooperation in endeavors to benefit our State and its people.

For the people of Pennsylvania's First Congressional District, constituent service and personal service were one and the same because of his devotion and dedication to them for more than 30 years. By commuting almost daily from Philadelphia to Washington, BILL BARRETT spent all possible time with his constituents and working on their behalf. He spent many long hours and long days in trying to be as helpful as he could to his large constituency.

By serving and pleasing his constituents and thus winning consistent reelection, BILL BARRETT served in the U.S. House of Representatives during 15 terms and was able to achieve major influence over national affairs, especially in his specialty, housing policy. At the time of his death, he was senior Democrat on the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing, and was long-time chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development.

From this position, BILL BARRETT exerted great influence over such major legislation as the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970; the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; the Emergency Housing Act of 1975; and much more.

In addition to his legislative contributions and his dedication to his constituents, BILL BARRETT will be missed for his personal attributes—his friendly smile, ready Irish wit, congeniality, and overall charm. He was a good person.

I join his many other friends in mourning his passing, and in extending expressions of sympathy to his family.

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to join the other Members of the House in paying tribute to my friend and colleague, the late Congressman WILLIAM A. BARRETT of Pennsylvania.

BILL BARRETT and I entered the 79th Congress together as freshman Members and I feel that I can therefore speak authoritatively of his work which I have seen and admired for many years. After his return to the House in 1949 I can honestly say that I do not believe BILL ever ceased in his efforts to aid his city of Philadelphia, his constituents, and the Nation. I was proud to be associated with this great gentleman.

Integrity was the hallmark of BILL BARRETT's three decades of service in the House. His unflagging efforts in his role as a senior member of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee and chairman of the Housing and Community Development Subcommittee were well-known to committee members of both parties. It is not exaggeration to say that much of the finest legislation to come from the House in past years in these fields was due in large part to the dedication of BILL BARRETT.

Nor did BILL ever forget the people of Philadelphia he represented. Indeed, the feeling of mutual respect he generated

between Congressman and constituency will remain an example to all who serve in this capacity and a memorial to BILL's years of service.

BILL BARRETT was in every respect a true representative of the people. His concern for good Government and a strong America will long be remembered by all who came in contact with him and learned from him. I am sure that I speak for my colleagues on both sides of the aisle when I extend my condolences to Mrs. Barrett and the family. We all share in this loss to the Nation.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, on this occasion we honor one of our colleagues, WILLIAM A. BARRETT, who passed away on April 12.

May I offer my deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Although I did not know BILL personally, I know full well of his many accomplishments in the field of housing legislation from my few years of service as his colleague in this body.

There are countless Americans who are indebted to BILL BARRETT for the decent, habitable accommodations in which they now live. BILL left behind a rich legacy which will continue to mark and distinguish his years in Congress.

The people of Philadelphia, BILL BARRETT's district, and the people of the United States have lost a capable leader, the House has lost one of its eminent Members, and BILL's family has lost a loved one.

Mr. FORD of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I join with you and our colleagues in paying tribute to our departed friend and fellow House Member, BILL BARRETT.

BILL BARRETT was already a 10-year veteran when I arrived in Congress nearly 12 years ago. He was one of the Members to whom I frequently turned for counsel and advice, and who gave freely of his time and his vast knowledge of the legislative process.

As chairman of the Housing and Community Development Subcommittee of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee, BILL BARRETT was the moving spirit behind virtually all of our congressional efforts to find and develop programs aimed at solving our Nation's pressing housing problems.

All of us have been inspired over the years by BILL BARRETT's dedication to his constituents in Philadelphia, and his regular trips home to listen to the problems of those he represented. No

Member of this House was closer to his constituents, or worked harder to help solve their problems.

We will miss his warmth and good humor, and we will sorely miss his knowledge and leadership in the field of housing.

I extend my condolences and sympathy to his family. I know their grief is tempered by the knowledge that he lived a full and satisfying life, and that his accomplishments will never be forgotten.

Mr. BROYHILL. Mr. Speaker, BILL BARRETT was one of the hardest-working Members of Congress that I have known. Each weekday he attended to his duties here in Washington and each weeknight he flew back to Philadelphia to make himself available to his constituents in his district office. Many Members go to their home districts every weekend but, with the exception of those Members whose districts are adjacent to Washington, none, to my knowledge, go home each night to attend to their obligations in their district.

I talked to BILL BARRETT often about legislative matters and on a number of occasions expressed to him my admiration for his willingness to work overtime for the benefit of the people he represented. BILL BARRETT will be sorely missed, not only by his colleagues here in the Congress, but by his constituents whom he served so well.

Mrs. Broyhill and I extend our deepest sympathy to BILL's family and friends.

Mr. KOCH. Mr. Speaker, BILL BARRETT, who served as subcommittee chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee, was someone who had an enormous number of friends. And the reason that people liked him was his amiability and his open and sincere desire to be of assistance to his colleagues on and off the committee.

I served on the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee for 4 years and so I came to know him well. He was without guile of any kind. His dedication to his constituents, which caused him to commute between Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia almost every night of the year to serve them, is legend. And in a way that same sense of service to his constituents was extended to his colleagues in the Congress. He will be missed.

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this time to pay tribute to the work of our deceased colleague, Congressman WILLIAM BARRETT, who passed away on April 12. It was my privilege to know BILL BARRETT for the 22 years that I have served in this Congress. For many years we served together on the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee.

BILL BARRETT was a tremendous force for good. His legislative technique was the art of gentle persuasion and the record is replete with his many successes.

BILL BARRETT was a fine, decent American of unquestioned integrity. His spirit should motivate us toward achievement through quiet reason.

Mr. PHILLIP BURTON. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of Congressman WILLIAM BARRETT, the needy of this country lost a forceful champion, the constituents of his district lost a concerned advocate, and we, his colleagues, lost a respected friend.

During his decades of service, BILL BARRETT left an indelible stamp on some of the most important initiatives ever undertaken by the National Government. His knowledge of urban and housing questions was immense, and the Housing and Urban Development Acts, the Demonstration Cities Act, Emergency Housing Act, the Urban Mass Transit System Acts, the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, and Federal Disaster Protection Act are all tributes to his expertise and commitment.

We know that BILL BARRETT will be missed by the entire Pennsylvania delegation, just as he will also be missed by the rest of us in the House who were privileged to share his companionship and to call him friend.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I join this afternoon in eulogizing our late colleague, BILL BARRETT.

We have lost the services of a respected and dedicated colleague, one who has acquired many, many friends through his long years in Congress. He was wholeheartedly responsive to the needs of our Nation and of his district, which he served so well.

BILL BARRETT was a very devoted public servant and most diligent in the discharge of his congressional responsibilities. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, he carried his responsibilities with a sense of

deep concern in an effort to alleviate our Nation's housing shortages.

Not only was he an objective man, especially in analyzing the great issues before our country, BILL was a man of compassion, goodwill, and foresight. His knowledge and vast experience in Government as well as being a conscientious and hard-working man, contributed to his effective legislative leadership.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Derwinski joins me in expressing our most deep and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of BILL BARRETT.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am participating in this special order today because I knew BILL BARRETT and the kind of Representative he was. By the time I came to Washington in January of 1959, BILL had already established his own particular style. I wonder how many of us here in the well today realize how hard this man worked to represent his beloved district in Philadelphia. He went home to his district every evening, not to his house but to his office where he could be found after midnight meeting with his constituents. That kind of dedicated representation deserves much more recognition than we here today can offer; for certainly the entire country will feel the loss of this fine and wonderful man.

For the last 11 years BILL BARRETT served as the very able chairman of the Housing Subcommittee of the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee. Through his tireless efforts housing opportunities for all Americans have improved substantially. He was one of the architects of the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, and 1970, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975. He was one of the most effective legislators this body has ever had.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, while it is always a sad time to pay tribute to a former colleague, I do appreciate this opportunity to express the deep admiration I had for BILL BARRETT and my great sense of loss both personally and for the Congress over his death.

I feel sure that anything I have to offer today will no way adequately express the high esteem in which I held BILL BARRETT and the personal respect I had for his legislative talents.

One trait BILL exhibited, which I feel best testified to his dedication as an elected official, was his willingness to keep in such close, personal contact with his constituents on a daily basis. His willingness to make the trip back to Philadelphia each day, often after a long night session, showed to me that BILL BARRETT was truly interested in the views of the people of Philadelphia and assisting them with whatever problems they might have had with the Federal Government. This act of dedication on the part of BILL is representative government in its truest sense.

I will deeply miss the sage advice and wise counsel of BILL BARRETT, but feel that I have benefited greatly from having him as a colleague of mine for the 10 years I have served in the House. I extend my deepest sympathy to members of the Barrett family.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, for nearly 30 years, the First District of Pennsylvania was represented by the distinguished and able gentleman, WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

BILL BARRETT was an outstanding public servant with whom it was a pleasure to be associated and I am proud that he was my friend.

As chairman of the powerful Housing Subcommittee of the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee, BILL BARRETT showed no favoritism. He was always available to assist all Members of the House in solving their constituents' problems. No problem was too small to bring to BILL BARRETT if it involved a single constituent trying to secure FHA insurance for a single-family dwelling, or if it involved flood insurance, or a section 202 housing project for the elderly. Mr. BARRETT was always available and did his best to assist us.

Members of Congress are supposed to be ombudsmen for their constituents. We are supposed to—and it is in large part why we are here—take care of our constituents' problems. If the mark of a successful legislator is one of helping his constituents solve problems, then truly this House has never witnessed a more successful legislator than BILL BARRETT.

I join my colleagues today in honoring him and I know his family takes much comfort in the knowledge that he enjoyed a full and rewarding life and in the fact that his many accomplishments and successes will long be remembered.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, like all Members of the House

of Representatives, I feel a great sense of loss with the passing of our colleague from Pennsylvania, Congressman WILLIAM BARRETT.

Mr. BARRETT's philosophy of representation was the most personally demanding one imaginable. His record of constituent service in his 30 years in the House is legendary. At the same time, Congressman BARRETT's legislative talents will continue to shed great credit on himself and on Pennsylvania's First District. His achievements as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee, particularly the much-needed Housing and Urban Development Act, are well known to his fellow Members, and had powerful and beneficial effects on the quality of life in America.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the service he rendered his district and his outstanding legislative record, BILL BARRETT was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. I observed Congressman BARRETT from across the aisle for some 14 years, and his conduct always befitted a Member of Congress. He was an honorable and forthright man, as well as a capable legislator, and I benefited greatly from my association with him.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise in tribute to WILLIAM BARRETT, and that I extend my deep sympathy to his family.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great regret and a deep sense of personal sorrow that I mark the passing of my distinguished colleague, WILLIAM A. BARRETT. It is no overstatement to say that BILL BARRETT was among the most highly respected Members of Congress, and he will most certainly be keenly missed.

I was privileged to know BILL BARRETT both as a fellow legislator and as a colleague in the Pennsylvania delegation, and although we were of differing political parties, I knew that I could trust in his help.

BILL BARRETT truly left his mark on the legislative history of the past 30 years, and the legislation that he authored and supported has contributed greatly to the upgrading of American life. His most estimable contribution, I feel, was in the area of housing; the fact that a Cabinet-level department now oversees this vitally important facet of American society owes directly to his architecture of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965. In that bill, and in a host of subsequent legislation, BILL BARRETT used to full advantage his position as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development.

He was highly respected as a figure of importance in the area of Banking and Currency, and had served for 26 years on the committee having oversight in that field.

For all his legislative accomplishments, and for the skill with which he practiced the art of legislation, BILL BARRETT will be missed.

But, more importantly, he will be missed because of the integrity and personal honor which characterized his entire career.

Mr. HANLEY. Mr. Speaker, in the death of our dear friend and colleague, Congressman WILLIAM A. BARRETT, America has lost one of its most dedicated sons. To quote a time-honored description, "a truly great American," is especially appropriate with reference to BILL BARRETT. His total dedication to the national interest is well recorded as is his outstanding service to his constituents. Certainly, his successor, whomever he might be, has an extremely large set of shoes to fill.

Absolutely distinctive in the Congress was his constituent contact, evidenced by his nightly air trips to his district office in Philadelphia to meet with constituents through the remainder of the night and sometimes through the early hours of the morning, returning to his responsibilities here in Washington on the first plane out of Philadelphia. I know of no other Member of Congress who can account for that caliber of constituent contact. In particular, with reference to the mileage involved.

One of BILL's great goals was to assure that every American, regardless of economic status, enjoyed a decent standard of housing. Thus he was custom cut for his position as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Housing. I was privileged to serve under him on this committee and I never ceased to be impressed with his grasp of our Nation's housing needs and his continuing efforts to find a better way.

Every American citizen is indeed indebted to BILL BARRETT and his family for his tremendous contribution to our society. In his daily pursuits BILL truly did God's work on Earth, for which I feel confident that he is now enjoying his heavenly reward along with Mrs. Barrett.

BILL befriended me back in early 1965 when I first came to Congress. A bond of friendship quickly developed which was steadfast to the very end. I owe him much for his kindness, his consideration, and his multitude of courtesies to me.

I recall several years ago I was privileged to be speaker on the occasion of a testimonial dinner honoring BILL BARRETT in his home city of Philadelphia. The capacity-plus audience and the enthusiasm that prevailed that night for BILL was a firm indication to me that the people of Philadelphia were quite aware of and most appreciative for his service to the public sector.

To me, one of the great rewards for service in the Congress is the ability to be associated with and, better yet, to be able to develop close friendships with the many fine people who comprise the Congress. BILL BARRETT was a sterling example of what I say. May he rest in peace.

Mr. MITCHELL of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives in general and the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee in particular have lost a great deal in the passing of BILL BARRETT. More importantly, the people of America have lost a great servant.

I attended BILL BARRETT's funeral. The most impressive thing to me was the throngs of "little people," working people who were outside the cathedral before and after the service. Of course, high officials of the church, the State, the city, and the Nation were in attendance, but I was most impressed by the "little people." I could easily understand why they were there, because it was to them that BILL BARRETT dedicated his life.

He championed their causes and their interests in housing legislation, in urban development legislation, in savings and loan legislation. In these days when various interest groups exert enormous pressures on the body politic, BILL BARRETT's service in the U.S. Congress becomes even more meaningful. He remained true to the "little people."

His question to each of them was not dictated by powerful interests, his question to them, "How Can I Help?", was dictated by the life of service he led.

Mr. COUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, the death of the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT is a loss that we all share deeply with the constituents of this dedicated, hard-working Congressman.

BILL BARRETT and his devotion to the interests of the people he served in Philadelphia, of course, is legend. I know personally how great was his love for the city's First Congressional District.

On numerous occasions, I sat next to BILL BARRETT on

airplanes bound for Philadelphia where each evening he sat as a true ombudsman for his constituents. His recital of facts about his district, its problems, and its people provided an amazing insight into his capacity for knowing and understanding his constituency.

While BILL BARRETT's constancy in serving his district has been widely commented upon by the news media, I think we would be doing him an unfortunate disservice if we did not acknowledge that his congressional contributions went far beyond that.

As a Congressman for 29 years, BILL BARRETT exerted his influence in the field of housing. In the years that followed World War II, he recognized the great demand that was developing throughout the country to meet the housing needs of the people.

BILL BARRETT combined his legislative ability with his expertise in real estate to promote and produce programs which he believed would help solve housing problems that grew rather than diminished. In his capacity as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee, BILL BARRETT contributed significantly to the legislation that comprises Federal housing laws today.

Above all, I remember him as a tolerant and kindly gentleman who understood the workings of human nature as well as those of politics. I am reminded of an incident that happened shortly after the polls closed one night and he was checking returns as they were brought in by his committee people and workers. On looking at returns from one precinct, BILL BARRETT saw that he obviously had been cut badly. He shook his head slowly, looked at his supposedly loyal supporter and said softly:

Oh my, oh my, I hoped you would do better than that, I hoped you would do so much better than that.

Those of us in the Pennsylvania congressional delegation will miss him more than others. I speak for my wife, Betsey, and for the members of my staff who worked closely with his office in offering condolences to BILL BARRETT's family in this time of grief. His public service is a tribute that long will endure.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, we are saddened by the death of our colleague from Pennsylvania, Congressman WILLIAM BARRETT.

As a freshman Member of the Congress, I was not afforded the opportunity to know Mr. BARRETT as well as some of the other Members here today, but I can identify with the dedication he had to his constituents. Mr. BARRETT's nightly returns to his district and to Philadelphia to serve these constituents were well-known and highly regarded.

I can appreciate this loyalty and devotedness to the people in his district in his efforts to serve them better, as I often return to my own Pennsylvania district as well. It is not an easy thing to do at any age and requires much dedication and long hours of service. His example is one we should all try to follow.

We sympathize with Mr. BARRETT's family, and with his friends. Those of us from Pennsylvania have lost an honorable colleague, trusted Representative, and good friend. He will be sorely missed both here in Washington and by the many people in his district.

Mr. EILBERG. Mr. Speaker, BILL BARRETT's family, his constituents, and the Congress suffered a great loss when he died, but we are all richer for having known him.

BILL BARRETT was a unique individual. He was devoted to his constituents. I doubt that any other Member of the House of Representatives will ever equal his record of going home virtually every night for almost 30 years to see his people in order to help solve their problems.

BILL BARRETT was unique in many ways. During the 10 years I was privileged to serve with him in the Congress and the many more years I worked with him in the Democratic Party in Philadelphia, I never heard him swear, or yell, or threaten anyone. He could be direct and tell people exactly what he thought, but he never insulted or humiliated them.

He always left room for agreement and compromise. BILL was a peacemaker, a conciliator, a man who always sought to bring opposing sides together. He recognized that it was better to talk to someone and try to work out a solution to a problem which involved all sides instead of getting angry and leaving the problem unsolved.

Finally, BILL BARRETT was a gentleman. He was always courteous, unfailingly polite, and he was always fair. People might have disagreed with a position he took, but they never criticized the man.

BILL BARRETT believed he was elected to serve his people and they and we will miss him.

Mr. WHALEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to remember a man of the people, the late WILLIAM A. BARRETT of Pennsylvania. His death represents a loss to the House, the Nation, and most notably, to his constituency.

If any Member of this body deserved the name of Representative, it was Chairman BARRETT. He hailed from the city which was the home of the First Congress. Each evening of his three decades in the House, he brought Congress home to the citizens of Philadelphia. In these nightly sessions, he devoted himself to the cares and problems of Pennsylvania's First Congressional District. To me, he was ever remindful of Alexander Hamilton's remark to an English visitor, "Here, Sir, the people govern."

His efforts in Congress to solve our Nation's housing problems were met with a spirit of bipartisan cooperation, which should be an inspiration to all of us. BILL BARRETT compiled an enviable record of legislative successes. This record, a result of his astute leadership as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee, is in itself a fitting tribute to his 30 years of labor in the House of Representatives. As subcommittee chairman, he was the principal draftsman of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970, the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975, to mention a few. A realtor and appraiser by profession, his expertise in the field of housing was of enormous benefit to the entire Nation.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the Barrett family. If there can be solace in sharing one's sorrow, then let the Barrett family and Congress find solace in our mutual loss. We can remember together the services BILL BARRETT extended to his constituents, and his country, and we can know that his presence here shall not be forgotten quickly.

Mr. HELSTOSKI. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying a tribute to our late friend and valued colleague, WILLIAM A. BARRETT. We have sustained a great loss as a result of his passing.

His absence will be deeply felt by the people of Pennsylvania's First District. But BILL's constituents were very fortunate to

have been represented in the House for nearly 30 years by a man so devoted to their needs and concerns. His reputation as a dedicated public servant who provided the residents of South Philadelphia with the highest caliber of service was well deserved and widely acclaimed.

BILL BARRETT was an able and effective legislator. He built a record of solid accomplishments and significant contributions, particularly in the housing field. In his capacity as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development of the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee since 1965, he was largely responsible for the passage of such major legislation as the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, and 1974; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; and the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970.

This was a man well known and admired for his genuine sincerity, compassion, and selfless commitment to others. BILL BARRETT was held in high esteem by all of us who were privileged to have served in this body with him. He will be truly missed.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Mr. Speaker, our late colleague, Mr. BARRETT, was truly a Congressman of the old school, putting constituent service first. Although I served with BILL for nearly 14 years, I never ceased to be amazed by his devotion to the needs of his Philadelphia constituents—especially the nightly trips to his district which would have taxed far younger men.

BILL's district was fortunate indeed to have a gentleman of his caliber and compassion representing it for so many years. In these days of expanding staffs and instantaneous communications, it may be tempting to delegate some of these seemingly more mundane responsibilities. It was a sign of BILL's character that he never delegated these concerns; for him, no person, no problem, was too small or unimportant.

At the same time, Mr. BARRETT made his mark as a national legislator, particularly in the field of housing. Most of the great housing acts of the past decade were shaped in the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development—which he led with great distinction.

He was indeed a noble and generous man, and his loss is deeply felt.

Mr. ROYBAL. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of the late Congressman WILLIAM A. BARRETT of Pennsylvania's First District. His many friends here in Congress will certainly miss this dedicated public servant who had achieved such respected stature in the House of Representatives.

Almost 30 years of his adult life were spent representing his Philadelphia constituents. He will be remembered not only for his outstanding work in Congress, but also for his daily flights home and the large number of constituents with whom he would meet personally. It could probably be said that BILL kept in touch with his constituents more closely than any other Member of Congress, as it was not uncommon for him to meet with as many as 1,000 persons in a week's time.

While in Congress, BILL was instrumental in drafting much of the major housing legislation of the past decade. He provided invaluable service to the Nation in all areas of housing in his capacity as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development of the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing.

During the 93d Congress, he and I worked closely on the successful effort to extend the important work of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970. It was his subcommittee which considered my proposal and finally reported out legislation for this purpose.

BILL BARRETT served his constituents faithfully and well during his many years in the House of Representatives. It is, indeed, with great sadness that we now mark the passing of this fine legislator, colleague, and friend, who worked so hard to create a better life for all Americans.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, Congressman WILLIAM A. BARRETT was gifted, in these computerized and impersonal times, with genuine understanding and affection for the individual and the community.

In his nearly 30 years in the House, BILL BARRETT put that understanding to work in the public interest, proving that Government can be sympathetic and caring, that it can help with problems, that it can work for all the people.

Throughout his long and distinguished legislative career, BILL BARRETT showed his compassion for the poor, the underprivileged, and the unemployed.

In 1946, he helped pass the Full Employment Act that created the Council of Economic Advisers and, for the first time, set in motion the machinery to promote steady economic growth and improvements.

From then on he was in the forefront of progressive efforts to provide housing and employment for those who needed them. BILL BARRETT believed firmly that every man and woman who wanted to work should have that opportunity, and he never ceased his efforts to achieve that goal.

But he also had time to help our children, and his most significant accomplishment was the legislation creating the program to combat poisoning caused by lead-based paints.

Mr. Speaker, BILL BARRETT was a friend of mine, and of all those who knew him. He served his constituents and his country with thoughtful dedication, courtesy, and decency. He will be remembered for these qualities, and for his contributions to his community and his country.

Mr. PATTERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in their praise of our recently deceased colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT of Pennsylvania. As a freshman Member of the House, I have been fortunate to serve on the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development which Congressman BARRETT chaired so ably since 1965. I feel privileged to have benefited from his guidance and leadership on the subcommittee. I can easily see why he has been able to leave his mark on every major housing bill passed by the Congress over these many years of his tenure.

Chairman BARRETT's commitment to the housing needs of the low- and moderate-income families of America will remain an inspiration to me for as long as I serve in the Congress. I will always appreciate as well his openness to ideas and questions from the freshmen Members, who joined his subcommittee in January of 1975.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of loss that I learned of the passing of our colleague and dear friend, BILL BARRETT. He had been ill for a number of weeks, but his death was no less a shock to us all. We shall miss his wise counsel here in this body, but there are many monuments left by which we can remember his generous contributions to our Nation and to the Congress.

BILL's foremost obligation was to the people who sent him to Washington as their Representative. Few Members can equal his devotion to his constituents and to their needs. For years, he traveled back to his district every night after each House session, keeping his office open and meeting with constituents until the early hours of the following morning. He would then return to Washington for the next day's session and for his committee meetings. Only a man of dedication and compassion could or would have done this.

The name of WILLIAM A. BARRETT is also closely associated with progressive housing legislation enacted by the Congress in the last several sessions. Trained as a real estate broker, he came to Congress with a special expertise in this field and developed this to become an expert in the field of housing in the House of Representatives. This experience and expertise led to his outstanding service as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee of our Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing. It enabled him to respond to problems in a manner which was highly sensitive to the needs of all the people of our fine Nation.

During his 28 years of service as a Member of the House of Representatives, he earned a high degree of respect among his colleagues. We shall never forget the warmth of his smile, his concern for his colleagues, and his love for this country.

My wife joins me in expressing to BILL's family our personal loss and sympathy. We want them to know that BILL has made a generous contribution to the well-being of our Nation and he long will be remembered as an effective legislator and a truly good man.

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, BILL BARRETT's death has taken from us one of the most dedicated Representatives this House has ever known. BILL was a unique Congressman who was wholly dedicated to the constituency which he served.

He saw his role as a legislator to be that of one who was constantly immersed in the daily needs of his constituency. After a full day in Washington, BILL would return to his native Philadelphia to make himself available to the citizens who needed his wise counsel and deep compassion. This great gift of himself will never be forgotten.

BILL's great desire to serve his district and daily contact with its citizens gave him a full and deep understanding of the needs

of urban Americans. Seeing these unmet needs, BILL exercised a leadership role in all the legislation that is the heart of our urban housing program.

Greater than my respect for these accomplishments, is my respect for the great humanity of BILL BARRETT. His friendship and counsel to me, as well as others, through all the years we served together were, to me, his greatest gift to all of us. His example guides us all.

Mr. STRATTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with my colleagues in expressing my deep sorrow on the passing of my friend and our distinguished colleague from Pennsylvania, BILL BARRETT.

In the past 2 years I have had the privilege of being BILL BARRETT's next door neighbor in the Rayburn Building, and I will always be grateful to him and to his staff for their many kindnesses and courtesies at the time that we moved in and since then.

BILL BARRETT was in many respects a model Congressman. He was deeply dedicated to the work of his committee and was an expert in forging legislation which has made possible the development of housing from one end of this Nation to the other. When BILL BARRETT had a bill on the floor he steered it through with great skill and quiet eloquence, and he always had a knowledgeable, convincing answer for any question which other Members might raise on the floor.

In addition to that, BILL BARRETT recognized, perhaps more profoundly than any other Member of this House, that one's service in this body is only effective to the extent that one understands and closely reflects the views and wishes of one's constituents. At what must have been tremendous cost to him in energy, time, and money, he returned each night to his district office in Philadelphia and made himself available to his constituents for their comments, questions, and problems.

All of us recognize that this is a most important part of our job, but very few of us have been able to carry it out with the conscientious devotion that BILL BARRETT exhibited over such a long period of service in this body.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Philadelphia have lost a true friend, a truly devoted servant to their needs. We in this House have lost a friend and a colleague whose record all of us have admired and whose counsel and guidance we have often been

privileged to call upon. To BILL BARRETT's family and friends, Mrs. Stratton and I extend our deepest sympathy in his passing.

Mr. AUCOIN. Mr. Speaker, the death last month of Congressman WILLIAM BARRETT was a deep and profound loss to all of us. In his 30 years in Congress, Mr. BARRETT demonstrated the rare combination of judgment and sensitivity. His ability as a leader was demonstrated time and time again in his role as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee. It was his knowledge and guidance that was responsible for the formulation of some of the most important housing legislation ever written. In addition to his proven abilities as a legislator, BILL BARRETT was a tireless Representative of his constituents.

For 30 years he returned home to Philadelphia, nightly, in order to see and listen to the people who elected him. He was a very special person. Congressman BARRETT was special because he was able to utilize the talents and abilities of the people around him. Though he had considerable seniority, he allowed freshmen on his committee to handle important amendments in markup and he encouraged their full participation in the development of bills. Mr. WILLIAM BARRETT, a warm and sincere man, will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Mr. OTTINGER. Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened at the death of Congressman BILL BARRETT. The Nation and the House have lost a dedicated public servant and a legislator of the highest capabilities. WILLIAM A. BARRETT served the First District of Pennsylvania and the entire Nation for three decades. He maintained a degree of personal contact with the people of his district perhaps unparalleled in the annals of congressional history. Yet the highlights of BILL BARRETT's legislative career illustrate the national scope of his leadership.

Since 1950, when he began serving on the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing, Congressman BARRETT worked dutifully to alleviate the Nation's housing problems. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, BILL BARRETT was the principal engineer of such important humanitarian legislation as the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 and the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970. The latter was the culmination of BILL BARRETT'S efforts to stem the destructive tide of a senseless malady, an affliction which permanently afflicted—and often killed—an indeterminable number of innocent children.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I wish to extend my sincere condolences to Congressman BARRETT's two daughters, Mrs. Michael Kane and Mrs. James Freeman, to his son, John, and to his sister, Mrs. Michael Coyle.

Mr. BROWN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, among my very first recollections as a freshman Member of Congress was my association with our beloved colleague, BILL BARRETT. That association began in 1967 with my assignment as a new member of the Housing Subcommittee, which he chaired, and the Committee on Banking and Currency on which we both served as members of the opposing parties.

In a short time, our association grew to one of friendship and mutual respect, and I quickly realized that I was privileged therein to be working with a truly distinguished leader of our time.

Among his many distinctive personal attributes, I shall always regard his exceptional concern and personal consideration for others to be unparalleled in my experience. This quality carried across issues, across party lines, and provided a unique bond between all members of our subcommittee.

This capacity coupled with his vision, judgment, and leadership are directly responsible for numerous personal achievements in service to the Nation. Our innovative and progressive Federal support for the Nation's housing needs and for community development in strengthening the vitality of our cities are among the many commendable successes in his labor and his dedication to the service of his country.

I particularly recall his role in guiding consideration of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. His genuinely bipartisan leadership of the subcommittee and his own personal commitment to meaningful, constructive legislation provided the only possible basis for passage of that important legislation in what was politically a very stormy session of Congress.

His untimely passing brings sadness and great loss. Sharing that feeling, I am also grateful for the friendship, the understanding, and the fellowship I have enjoyed with BILL BARRETT, a truly distinguished leader of our times, a great American, and a friend to all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Endowed with the blessing of this experience, I am confident that his fine example will guide his colleagues in the Congress as

they continue in his chosen endeavor—service to our fellow man and our Nation.

Mr. ULLMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join with BILL BARRETT's family, his colleagues in Congress, and the constituents who elected him time and time again from Philadelphia in mourning the passing of a distinguished lawmaker.

The veteran of 15 Congresses, Representative BARRETT was especially noted as the architect of housing and community development legislation during the Johnson administration, when efforts to reverse the deteriorating conditions in many of our urban areas were of paramount importance.

And perhaps even more than for his legislative accomplishments, our colleague was known as a Congressman who truly represented his people, who knew every neighborhood in his district intimately, and who was himself accessible to every constituent even when it meant flying home for evening office hours after a long day in committee and on the House floor.

BILL BARRETT was a friend of mine, one of the kindest and most courteous men I have ever known. He leaves a vacant spot in Congress that cannot be filled.

To his son and daughters, as well as his devoted constituents, my wife Audrey and I extend our deepest sympathy. We shall all miss him.

Mr. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the sudden passing of our esteemed friend and colleague, Hon. BILL BARRETT of Philadelphia.

I believe it is safe to say that never again will the likes of him walk these hallowed Halls.

Every day, year in and year out, for nearly 30 years, BILL BARRETT commuted to his home district and held office hours for his constituents. Certainly, this was devotion above and beyond the call of duty, but that was the kind of man BILL was. What Member of Congress, in all of our almost 200 years, was as close to his people? Truly, he was a Representative in every sense of the word.

I was fortunate to be able to call him friend. I enjoyed visiting with him. I know I will miss him, as will we all. He was a legend in his own time.

I extend my deepest sympathy to the bereaved members of his family. He devoted his life to his people and now he is home at rest with the Father.

Mr. DOMINICK V. DANIELS. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in honoring my good friend, the late Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

Following so shortly after the death of his colleague on the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee, Wright Patman, BILL BARRETT's death leaves us so much more in need of good counsel and competent legislative management in the development of housing legislation.

Congressman BARRETT's leadership in meeting the very critical housing needs of Americans constitutes one of the most outstanding careers in the Congress. As the architect of the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1965 and 1968–70, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Emergency Housing Act of 1975, BILL BARRETT contributed as much or more to the development of adequate and safe housing for Americans than any other public official in modern times. In addition, he found time to have a major creative role in the Urban Mass Transit Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970, the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970, as well as the Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

Congressman BARRETT, representing Pennsylvania's First District in Philadelphia, managed, in addition to his legislative duties, to travel back to his congressional district every day to meet with his constituents, discuss their problems, their views, and their hopes. He solved their problems with Federal agencies, arranged for them to meet with local officials, and heard their proposals for legislation in the Congress. For 29 years, practically to the day he died, BILL BARRETT was the consummate Congressman, a man absolutely dedicated to his job and to his constituents.

I shall always remember him as a congenial friend who understood the needs and interests of constituents of other Members and sought to create legislation which would benefit the Nation. He was always a pleasure to work with and to be with. I shall miss him very much.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Daniels joins me in expressing our deepest sorrow and our sympathy to his daughters, Rose and Gertrude, his son, and to his sister, Nellie.

Mrs. SPELLMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of profound sorrow that I join my colleagues in paying final tribute to a great

man. The House of Representatives will never be quite the same without the kind, gentle, and warmhearted servant of the people, BILL BARRETT.

To his family, many friends, and thousands of constituents—whose interests and needs he held above all else, I send my deepest sympathy. BILL BARRETT will be long remembered for his constant contact with his constituents throughout his more than 40 years of public service. Each day after House sessions he returned to Philadelphia to hold office hours long into the night for constituents who came to him for assistance.

I pay tribute here today not only as friend and colleague of BILL BARRETT, but also as one who served under him on the House of Representatives Banking, Currency and Housing Committee. As chairman of the Housing and Community Development Subcommittee, a post he held for more than 11 years, he leaves a huge legacy of accomplishments which include much of the major housing legislation of the past decade. Chairman BARRETT was the principal architect of many major pieces of legislation including the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970; and the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975; as well as dozens of other equally vital pieces of legislation which have helped to shape our Federal housing policies.

Before coming to Congress, I knew of Congressman BILL BARRETT as the father of landmark housing legislation and as a champion of his constituents. In my first term in this Congress, I came to know Chairman BARRETT as a most fair and skilled chairman. And as a man I shall remember BILL BARRETT as a kind, good-natured, and courtly gentleman.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Mr. Speaker, with the death of BILL BARRETT the Congress not only lost an esteemed colleague, but the people and our country lost a great legislator.

BILL BARRETT, as we all know, came to the House of Representatives in 1945, and served continuously in this body since 1949. He began his service on the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing in 1950, and served longer than any other member now on the committee.

He became chairman of our Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development in 1965, and continued his chairmanship of this most important subcommittee until his death. He sponsored and floor managed the most important and far-reaching housing and community development legislation that has ever in our entire history been enacted into law.

BILL BARRETT was a man dedicated not only to serving the people of his district, but could and did, rise above petty sectional matters in his search for legislative solutions to the problems of our entire Nation.

His nightly trips back to the district became a legend in the House. He did, as we all know, meet with his constituents throughout the night attempting to solve what to many seemed to be minor problems, but to the constituent, problems of great concern. Never did his duties at home stop him from, at the same time, carrying out his responsibilities here in Washington.

One need only briefly list some of the major housing and urban development legislation which BILL BARRETT sponsored and moved into law to understand the importance of this great legislator and his loss to this House and the people of this country. Some of these acts include:

The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965;

The Demonstration Cities Act of 1966;

The Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970;

The Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970;

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

The Emergency Housing Act of 1975; and

The Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970.

These accomplishments will serve as a living memorial to Mr. BARRETT. Every time a citizen rides on a mass transit system, or receives an FHA guaranteed mortgage, or a subsidized housing unit, or the elderly get to live in a 202 project—in all of these instances and many others, it will be because of the work, effort, and dedication of BILL BARRETT to solving our peoples' problems.

Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, BILL BARRETT's life as in individual, and as a Member of Congress, should be emulated by all of us who serve in this body and hope to achieve the accolade of dedicated public service.

Mr. ASHLEY. Mr. Speaker, the death of BILL BARRETT was a great loss to the Nation, to the Congress, to his constituents, and to all of us who worked with him over the years on the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee. I extend my condolences and deepest sympathy to his family.

With nearly three decades of service, BILL BARRETT was one of the senior Members of the House, and he left his imprint on many major housing and community development bills. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development since 1965, BILL played a central role in the passage of a variety of congressional initiatives designed to provide decent housing for every American. He is credited with authorship of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970; the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970; and other measures to alleviate the country's urban problems.

A legend among his Philadelphia constituents for his unceasing efforts in their behalf, BILL BARRETT will be remembered for a public career that reflected his compassion for the common man. I regard it as a privilege to have worked closely with BILL as a colleague and a friend through the mutuality of our interests both in committee and on the floor of the House. He was widely respected by his fellow Members and universally liked by those who developed a close personal and professional association with him.

BILL BARRETT's long and distinguished career in the Congress brought him well-deserved national stature. The esteem and affection of his countless friends in Washington and in Philadelphia will serve as a testimonial to his personal warmth and good will. BILL will be missed in the House of Representatives, but his reputation will live after him in the legislation whose enactment he was so closely identified with.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, residents of Pennsylvania, my colleagues in the House, and the entire Nation have suffered a great loss in the passing of our esteemed colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

Having spent over 25 years working with Representative BARRETT, I can personally attest to his dedication and responsiveness to his constituents and to his country. BILL BARRETT

was a public servant in the true sense of the word. He dedicated a major portion of his time to serving the needs of the constituents of the First District of Pennsylvania and he served them consistently and well as their votes for him well attest.

At the time of his death, Mr. BARRETT was the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing after serving on the committee since 1950. His work as an effective legislator as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing stands on its own merits.

Examples of major legislative accomplishments authored by BILL BARRETT include the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965; Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969 and 1970; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970; the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; the Emergency Housing Act of 1975.

Representative BARRETT was elected to the House in 1944 and elected again in 1948 where he ably represented his district until his death.

Mr. Speaker, throughout these many years Representative BARRETT did not lose touch with his constituents.

For example, BILL BARRETT would always return to his district after the House adjourned to meet with his constituents in Philadelphia, hearing their views, explaining his position, and helping to resolve their problems. During his famous nightly office hours, BILL BARRETT displayed true responsiveness to the needs and wishes of those who elected him.

It is fitting that we pause a moment to reflect upon the fine example set by this political leader. More importantly, perhaps, we might recognize that we all owe a debt to Representative BARRETT for promoting effective legislation and acting with integrity and responsiveness to the needs of his constituents in his outstanding career.

My wife, Blanche, joins me in extending our sympathy to BILL BARRETT's family and his legion of friends.

Mrs. MINK. Mr. Speaker, within a period of just a few weeks, this House has lost the services of two distinguished members of the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee with the death of the late Honorable Wright Patman, and now, last month, the death of our colleague, the late Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

During my years in the Congress it was my privilege to have worked as a colleague of BILL BARRETT and to admire the tenacity with which he pursued those legislative goals which he set for himself and this Congress. As chairman of the Housing Subcommittee, BILL BARRETT developed and shepherded through the House such landmark legislation as the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the subsequent Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Emergency Housing Act of 1975; the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970; and many other pieces of basic legislation which have provided assistance and services to the people of the Nation.

Perhaps most remarkable about this man, however, is the often told tales of BILL BARRETT's virtually daily face-to-face contacts with the people of his congressional district in Philadelphia. He accomplished this by returning to that city almost every night following adjournment of the House to keep office hour appointments with as many as 700 to 1,000 people every week throughout his career.

I join my colleagues in extending the sympathies of this House to Congressman BARRETT's son and daughters and to his sister who survive him. It was a privilege to have served in the Congress with this distinguished legislator and Representative.

Mr. FORD of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise today to pay tribute to the late WILLIAM BARRETT, perhaps one of the finest men ever to have been a Member of this body.

As a member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee during the first session of this Congress, I had the pleasure of serving under his inspirational leadership. Chairman BARRETT was truly a remarkable man. He had the rare ability to relate to every individual, black or white, male or female, regardless of background or creed, on his or her own level.

As some of you senior Members may recall, one's freshman term in the Congress can often times be a frustrating and trying experience. But Chairman BARRETT was always available for advice and counsel, giving me strong words of encouragement and guidance when they were most needed.

Mr. Speaker, last night as I reflected on Chairman BARRETT's service to the people of the First Congressional District of

Pennsylvania and to the Nation as a whole, I was reminded of the words of a statesman much like Chairman BARRETT, the late Adlai Stevenson. Stevenson once observed: "The stuff of greatness is goodness, serenity, and wisdom." By this standard, I can think of no other Member of this body who has a more solid claim to greatness than WILLIAM ALOYSIUS BARRETT.

Chairman BARRETT was not what could be called a dictatorial or cruel chairman and yet through a combination of "goodness, serenity, and wisdom," he was successful in building a record on which any Member of Congress would be pleased to run for reelection. Thanks to his tireless efforts on behalf of the citizens of this country, he was successful in securing the enactment of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Emergency Housing Finance Act of 1970; the landmark Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975; as well as the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Acts of 1964 and 1970; the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1970; and the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

Mr. Speaker, notwithstanding our professional relationship BILL BARRETT was above all else my friend and he is, as all dearly beloved friends are, irreplaceable. I will miss him deeply.

I pray that Almighty God will be with him and that He will give Mr. BARRETT's sister and children the strength and courage for the living of these days.

Mr. BIESTER. Mr. Speaker, BILL BARRETT's death marks more than the passing of a friend and dedicated Member of this House. Gone, too, is a very special interpretation BILL brought to the job of Congressman. He conceived and lived his role as the people's representative as no other Member in recent history—his daily trips back to Philadelphia after each session to meet with constituents were well known to us all. This uniquely personal representation and his especially close relationship with the residents of the First District of Pennsylvania will forever remain a tribute to this man.

And during his 29 years of conscientious public service to his constituents, his contributions to national policy were equally distinguished, and in the housing field, in particular, his name will long be associated with landmark legislation.

This Chamber—and his friends in the Pennsylvania delegation, especially—have measurably felt his absence.

Mr. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, it was not granted to me to know our deceased fellow Member well. His service was long, mine has been short. But the time was sufficient for me to recognize him as a man of fairness, courtesy, and consideration, a Member who understood the meaning of public service and made it the guidepost for his public life.

Mr. MOORHEAD of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, we are gathered in the Chamber to eulogize a man whose spirit, charm, and mirth touched everyone in his orbit.

Small in stature, but with a heart of a giant, BILL BARRETT left an indelible mark on his constituents, this body, and the Nation.

He was a simple man whom I think would disapprove of this body taking time out from its important business today to honor him. But that BARRETT iron will, which kept his heart beating inside a body that could go on no longer, deserves the most opulent tribute we, his colleagues, can bestow on him.

Hundreds of House Members have come and gone, hundreds will follow us. What makes one stand out while so many pass from the scene with nary an acknowledgement?

The House has its own unique way of judging its Members. It has nothing to do with ideology, it looks not to wealth, and it matters not whether you are from a big city or the smallest hamlet. The House looks to performance, style, and character.

BILL BARRETT came up aces in all of these categories.

As a legislator, this 30-year House veteran was chairman of the Housing Subcommittee for the last 11 years and produced several landmark omnibus housing and community development measures in that time.

Most significantly, in all of those years dealing with controversial legislation, BILL BARRETT never lost a bill on the House floor.

As a Representative, the stories of BARRETT are legion. He indeed went back to his Philadelphia district nightly to hold "court." Thousands of Philadelphia residents have BILL BARRETT to thank for their housing, their jobs, their social security checks, and their peace of mind. There was not a legitimate problem that he would not tackle and many a Federal bureaucrat wilted under the constant barrage of BARRETT charm.

I do not think it stretches the truth to say that BILL BARRETT would "love you" into submission if you were unfortunate enough to be on the other side of an issue. No threats, no angry words, no retribution. It was that leprechaun smile, that Irish twinkle in his eye, the warm recognition, the good word, the pat on the back that gave BILL BARRETT his greatest achievement. He was liked—and again I will use the word loved—by everyone that knew him. You could not help it, the good feelings for BILL BARRETT were infectious.

Because he was held in such high regard, because he never ceased working for those who sent him to Washington, and because he wrote legislation that played heavily in the affairs of this Nation, BILL BARRETT deserves a special niche in the history of this body.

And unlike on so many similar occasions, this Chamber will have an opportunity to pay more than verbal tribute to BILL BARRETT.

Soon the House will be asked to vote on the last piece of legislation BILL BARRETT introduced as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee.

It is an authorization bill that contains funds for many programs that BILL BARRETT originated and breathed life into. But further, H.R. 12945, the Barrett Act, embarks on new ground with regard to congressional scrutiny over executive agencies.

BILL BARRETT'S last legislative act carries in it the seeds of better congressional control over a Department which I believe deserves the dubious honor of being the Federal agency which most often ignores congressional intent in carrying out the laws we write—the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I know BILL BARRETT is pleased that we honor him today. But, in my heart, I think the gentle sage from Philadelphia would be more pleased by a resounding vote on his bill.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, it was indeed a great shock to all of our membership to learn of the passing of our colleague, BILL BARRETT, one of the most dedicated, sincere, and admired Members of Congress. Of all the Members of Congress I have known during the past 30 years, I believe BILL BARRETT could be classified as one possessing a most sincere loyalty not only to his constituency in Philadelphia but also to the State of Pennsylvania and the Nation.

He was sincere and conscientious, devoting extraordinary periods of time on legislation which he sponsored so that when the time for debate and amendments arrived he was always prepared with the proper answers; consequently he possessed the respect of the Membership of the House.

Congressman BARRETT would relate to me on many occasions about his exceptional program of returning to Philadelphia every evening after Congress adjourned and consult with constituents, by appointment, into the late hours of the evening and returning in the early morning hours to Washington for committee meetings. One would marvel at his dedication and fatiguing efforts to represent his district and Nation in this great legislative body.

BILL BARRETT will be long remembered as an outstanding statesman and legislator by his colleagues as well as the millions of people in Philadelphia who will long remember and admire Congressman WILLIAM BARRETT for his success and dedication to public service.

I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Speaker, the loss of BILL BARRETT in the House of Representatives is a great one for me personally and a great one for the Philadelphia citizens he selflessly served.

BILL BARRETT was famous for his service to his district. Night after night during his 30 years in the House, BILL would return home to Philadelphia to hold office hours and listen to constituents' problems. One of the last big city political leaders, BILL epitomized the city politician who never failed to serve those who elected him. I can honestly say that the First District of Philadelphia will never be served as well as BILL BARRETT did.

On a personal side, I became close friends with BILL as we shared the same corridor in the Rayburn Building for many years. As a gentleman and as a public servant, no one could match BILL BARRETT.

Perhaps even more than his district service and his amiable personality, BILL BARRETT will be remembered for his great contributions to housing legislation. Serving on the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee since 1950 and having chaired the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development since 1965, BILL was instrumental in all housing and community development legislation that passed the Congress.

Though we sometimes differed in political outlook and position, I have always respected BILL BARRETT and realized that he acted in the best interests of the Philadelphia district he represented and served.

BILL BARRETT will be an irreplaceable figure in the House of Representatives.

Mrs. BURKE of California. Mr. Speaker, in the space of just a few weeks, the House has lost two distinguished and respected colleagues in Wright Patman and, just last month, BILL BARRETT. BILL will long be remembered for his painstaking work and leadership on behalf of housing legislation. He was the architect of laws which have had great positive impact on the needs of minorities and the poor of this Nation.

Beginning with the landmark Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, BILL went on to fashion the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Housing and Urban Development Acts of 1968, 1969, and 1970; the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975.

BILL will also be remembered for his wonderfully unique approach to constituent representation. He returned to his district every evening after the House adjourned to meet with constituents—often into the early morning hours. Such tireless energy made him an effective Representative—a man of whom we can be very proud. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. HUGHES. Mr. Speaker, I join with my other colleagues in the House of Representatives to express my deep sorrow at the passing of Representative WILLIAM A. BARRETT on April 12. Although I only knew him personally for about 16 months of the 29 years that he served in the House, I came to know him as a Member who worked hard at representing his district. I knew him also by reputation as a fine and compassionate man.

Representative BARRETT's accomplishments in the House are many. He was first elected to this body in 1944. Although he lost in the Republican landslide of 1946, he was reelected to every Congress since 1948 by overwhelming margins. He was the second ranking member of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee and chaired the Subcommittee on Housing since 1965.

The affection of his Philadelphia constituents for Congressman BARRETT was legendary. Every evening Mr. BARRETT re-

turned to Philadelphia for meetings and to listen to suggestions and complaints from his constituents. He showed almost a fatherly concern for their problems. Foremost in the mind of Representative BARRETT was service to his constituents—they loved him—and he was devoted to them.

BILL BARRETT has set a high standard for anyone filling his congressional seat. He was an outstanding man who will be sadly missed by all of us.

Mr. EILBERG. Mr. Speaker, Congressman WILLIAM BARRETT was a man who was loved by people throughout his district and the city of Philadelphia. The feeling was truly remarkable for its intensity.

At this time I enter into the Record a column from the South Philadelphia American, of May 7, by Tony Morgano, president of Ring One of the Veteran Boxers Association.

AS I SEE IT—CONGRESSMAN BILL BARRETT WAS THE GREATEST

(By Tony Morgano, President, VBA Ring One)

In professional sports the greatest honor that can go to any athlete is to be called a pro among pros. When there comes along a once-in-a-lifetime guy and everybody including the critics agree, there is no greater tribute any man can receive than to be cited by his fellow professionals as a champion.

In South Philadelphia we have just lost such a man. Not only was he one of us but no man who had it in his power to do so ever helped so many unfortunate people than the late Congressman WILLIAM A. BARRETT. I can recall the many times he attended the annual Mothers Day banquet held by Ring One at Palumbo's. Of course he always gave out with his charming blarney, the great compliments to every woman present, and they all loved it.

BILL BARRETT was more than a Representative of the people. He was a man who was so dedicated to his job that he ran himself into the ground commuting between Washington and Philadelphia every day he held office. But he loved his job and he loved the people he helped. The greatest thing we can say about BILL BARRETT is that no other man in public office ever attempted to lead the life that he did for his people back home. There were many who may have tried to duplicate his feat or wished that they had but the fact remained that BILL BARRETT did it and I know he loved it * * * every hustling minute of it.

You know you can judge a man and measure his worth by the comments of his fellow workers. In Congress there was no man who had so much praise heaped upon him as did BILL BARRETT. And, too, you can judge a man by the men who work under him. There is not one committeeman in the 36th Ward who at one time had an adverse comment about BILL BARRETT. There may have been hemming and hawing and many things they were told to do and there may have been some dissidents in the crowd but in the long run no one could ever have helped but love the guy!

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hard way and his burning desire to help his fellow neighbors resulted in his decision to go to Washington where he could benefit them the most. His tenure in Congress is unchallenged. His seniority on committees is historic and his great wish to help the most unfortunate of his constituents was fulfilled many times. But this did not come easy. It took a lot of determination by the man to go back and forth from Washington to Philadelphia 365 days a year to accomplish his goal. He leaves behind him a heritage of this community that will endure many years. Many parents and grandparents still tell their children about BILL BARRETT. His name in South Philadelphia is a household word and well earned because South Philadelphians have a knack for spotting the pros and the phonies. In BILL BARRETT they saw only the pro. And as in the prize ring when the good ones came along the others were proud to point them out.

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Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege to have served with WILLIAM A. BARRETT for 27 of his 29 years as a Member of this body.

Anyone who knew him for that long a period could not fail to be impressed with his great energy, his quickness to grasp legislative details and his sharp insight into the congressional process. WILLIAM BARRETT was one of the outstanding Members of this House during his generation. He never got the disease sometimes referred to as "Potomac Fever." He knew exactly where he came from and he knew the people who elected him to represent them. I do not believe he ever failed that trust or waivered in his dedication to their interest.

The House will miss WILLIAM A. BARRETT and I know the people of his district will miss him, too. They must know that they were well and ably served in the House of Representatives.

Mr. SARASIN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to add my voice to the many Members of this body who have expressed their deep sadness at the untimely passing of our colleague, WILLIAM A. BARRETT of Pennsylvania.

BILL BARRETT was one of those fortunate individuals who managed to combine the attributes of being an able and forceful advocate in the legislative give and take, while remaining always a gentleman. A man who never lost contact with his district and his constituents while rising to the rank of committee chairman and recognized expert on housing matters.

In nearly 30 years in the House, BILL BARRETT compiled an admirable record of legislation adopted and policies established while earning the respect and friendship of colleagues and

constituents alike. He was the kind of Representative who enhanced this body by his presence.

BILL BARRETT was a truly good man and I feel privileged to have served with him and to have known him. We shall all miss him.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, just as we in Congress will miss BILL BARRETT, so will those whom he represented. I am inserting below a tribute to him which appeared recently in the South Philadelphia American:

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Mr. HAYS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of loss and sadness that I express my deep sorrow at the passing of our friend and colleague, WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

His 30-year record of dedicated service in the House of Representatives was highlighted by his outstanding faithfulness in his consistent responsiveness to the needs, large and small, of his constituents.

BILL had the confidence, trust, and friendship of the people he represented so ably, as well as the admiration and respect of his fellow Members of the House with whom he unselfishly shared his wisdom and experience. I am pleased and proud to have been a contemporary of his in the House of Representatives.

Mr. REES. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning the death of WILLIAM BARRETT. From my first freshman days in the House, BILL BARRETT was a good friend and was of great help to a confused newcomer trying to learn the complicated ins and outs of the House.

I was privileged to be appointed to the Banking and Currency Committee where BILL assisted me in attempting to solve the housing problem in my Los Angeles district. His leadership as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development enabled millions of Americans to find adequate shelter. I can remember the dazzling array of housing programs: 221D3, 234, 236, section 8, and model cities. Some of them worked, others did not. Chairman BARRETT, though, was able to recognize shortcomings and to push ahead, so we could correct the problems and start anew.

I envy those who lived in his district because they had a Congressman who was a giant among us in serving his constituents. Every evening he was at his district office far into the night tending to the problems of his constituents. The next day he would travel back to Washington on the early plane from Philadelphia. BILL was from a tradition of politics which seems

to be evading us in these days of high media exposure. He was dedicated to his constituents as individuals and he understood their problems. He left a legacy few of us can match.

We will miss BILL's calm approach and human understanding in these days of hectic activity.

Proceedings in the Senate

WEDNESDAY, *April 14, 1976.*

Mr. HUGH SCOTT. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on House Resolution 1154.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a resolution which was read as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1154

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of 73 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. HUGH SCOTT. Mr. President, the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT, late a Representative from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I have known BILL BARRETT ever since he came to Congress. I have had occasion to work with him on many matters of interest to the Nation and to our Commonwealth and to our city of Philadelphia.

He alone, I believe, among the Members of Congress, returned to his district every night when Congress was in session and visited with and aided the people from his district in every thought and manner of problem which they brought to him.

He will be missed in Congress, and I am sure that all of us who knew him feel that we have lost a friend.

Mr. President, I submit a resolution on behalf of Senator Schweiker and myself and, without at this point yielding the remainder of my time, I ask for its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution will be read.

The resolution was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 433

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM A. BARRETT, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

Mr. HUMPHREY. Mr. President, with the death of Representative WILLIAM BARRETT, the House of Representatives—and indeed the entire Congress—has lost one of its most outstanding Members.

As chairman of the crucially important Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development of the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee, BILL BARRETT provided the leadership required to move major legislation to final enactment. Among his accomplishments during the 10 years he served as chairman of the subcommittee are:

The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965; the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966; the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1969; the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970; the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and the Emergency Housing Act of 1975.

As the titles of these important measures indicate, no one demonstrated more concern about the need of low- and moderate-income families for decent housing or the need to plan and

rebuild the inner cities of the Nation. Urban America will bear the signature of BILL BARRETT for decades to come.

Mr. President, every Member of Congress knows that these housing and community development measures are highly complex pieces of legislation which require an enormous investment of time and effort to bring to the final stage of drafting and enactment in the committee and on the House floor.

BILL BARRETT more than met the demands of such legislation. Throughout his tenure as Housing Subcommittee chairman he conducted lengthy hearings and markup sessions with determination tempered with courtesy. He dealt with witnesses and with his fellow committee members in a fair, evenhanded, and calm manner.

The only persistent demand he made to subcommittee members and to witnesses who appeared before him throughout the years was that they be willing to reason together to find solutions to the Nation's gigantic housing and community development problems. And in this he achieved measurable success because of his talent for bringing out the best in people.

The constancy of his gentle manner was equalled only by his loyalty to the Democratic Party and the party's legislative policies and programs. In this connection, BILL BARRETT always showed himself to be unhesitatingly ready to work without reservation with the House leadership which owes him a large debt of gratitude.

But surpassing all of these accomplishments and characteristics was his total and legendary dedication to the needs of the people of his South Philadelphia district. In this, BILL BARRETT was unique among Members of Congress. At the end of each legislative day he journeyed home to South Philadelphia and every evening until late into the night, he kept his office open to assist his constituents. Every night his office waiting room was filled with people seeking help from the one man they knew was more likely to provide it than anyone else. He helped the unemployed find jobs. He helped to settle family and neighborhood disputes. To a degree matched by few other public officials, BILL BARRETT kept himself informed about his district and its people. He did this every day throughout the nearly 30 years he served in the House of Representatives.

He would say that "I do this because I love people," a remark that was not in anyway diminished by his simultaneous acknowl-

edgment that if his efforts "have a practical political result, that's fine too."

Mr. President, his efforts did have a practical political result. Support for BILL BARRETT became so strong and so widespread in his district that no one could seriously challenge him for his seat in Congress. In effect, he became a political power in Philadelphia, but it was power that was openly earned in the successful pursuit of the interests of the people he represented.

His record in this regard is unequalled in Congress and is likely to remain that way. We will not see his like again and we are the lesser for it.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I move, in accordance with the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 111, and pursuant to Senate Resolution 433, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Hon. WILLIAM A. BARRETT, late a Representative from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the Senate stand in adjournment until the hour of 12 o'clock noon on April 26, 1976.

The motion was agreed to, and at 12:08 p.m., the Senate adjourned until Monday, April 26, 1976, at 12 o'clock meridian.

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